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What About the NEW CUBA?

An on-the-spot analysis by Aaron F. Webber

This is a day of revolutionary optimism in which to witness for Christ in Cuba. We are here to capture this enthusiasm for him, who said, "My kingdom is not of this world." This is our opportunity to proclaim to newly freed Cuba, "If the Son . . . shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

This new Cuba strikes one by its spirit. It should not seem strange to see people happy and free, talking about whatever comes to mind, without looking furtively over one shoulder and then the other. It should not seem "different" to see young people going about their studies, light-hearted and at ease, with no greater preoccupation than the next examination. But one who was in Cuba in 1958 and comes again in 1959, cannot help being struck by this new spirit.

The new Cuba is visible in the young *guajirios* ("boys from the hills"), who are wearing police and army uniforms throughout the country. The new Cuba is in the government messenger who, after two hours of running here and there, refuses a tip for his services. Newness fills the public squares throughout the republic in the form of tractors purchased by the people themselves to help make the land law effective.

The war stage of the revolution and the early months of the new regime have been

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ably evaluated by Dicky Chapelle in *Reader's Digest*. Others have filled in on various aspects, including the active campaign to restrain corruption, prostitution, and gambling. By now it surely is clear that Fidel Castro has not engineered a *coup d'etat* in Cuba. However successful he and his party may be in fulfilling their promises, their driving purpose has been, and is, a complete social and economic revolution.

Repeatedly, I am asked whether the aims of this revolution are sincerely democratic and, if so, whether Castro will be able to establish a democratic government. Will he fulfill his promise of "liberty with bread, and bread without terror"? I am no prophet, certainly not in politics, but I am sure that it would be fair to withhold diverse judgment until the new government can test its program.

The United States loses ground in Latin America every time its influence is used to shore up the fortunes of a dictator. The ease with which our Government appears to accept the fallacy that a dictator is a defense against communism, and that "the enemy of our enemy is our friend," has cost us real friends in Latin countries. The least we can do for a new democracy is to show it the same patience we have shown the dictators.

The prophets of doom have searched for every sign of communism in Cuba. Now, there are Communists in Cuba, just as there are Communists in the United States. But there is no sign that communism has been able to control either the Govern-

ment or the labor movement under Cuba's new regime.

Without defending the program of the present Government in Cuba, it does seem clear that if it can accomplish its announced aims, it will create conditions in which communism cannot well prosper. Schools are being built at an unprecedented pace. Some have special provision to serve large areas too sparsely settled for good schools to be maintained in proximity to all homes. The problem of illiteracy is being attacked in all seriousness. The Laubach method, with materials already prepared by the Cuban Protestant Council, is being used.

The government program is aimed at improving the basic economy and offering new opportunities to the masses. Whether the agrarian reform is so severe as to kill the goose before it can lay the golden egg, is a much-discussed question. Certainly, in Cuba the Communists are not receiving credit for this law.

Why is the agrarian reform law so severe? There is a Spanish saying, "For big ills, big cures." You have seen reference to farms in Cuba of an acreage in six figures, two of them of a half-million acres. Now, 500,000 acres is 781 square miles. If this were a perfect square, you would drive 112 miles to go around it. Such a farm is equal to 75 per cent of the land area of the state of Rhode Island. Hundreds of thousands of Cubans are barely existing on land where they and their ancestors have been quite devoid of opportunity. Possibly the law could be improved; it might go slower, or be more adaptable, or be less drastic. Nevertheless, it sprang from realistic causes.

"When will elections be held?" is another question I am asked. Castro's latest estimate is 1962. Why the delay? One is hard put to realize how lacking the Latin American countries are in democratic experience. Spain was never a tutor in democracy. Cuba has started repeatedly on a democratic course, but always a "strong man"

has taken over before they could establish themselves in this course.

Raul Castro said to a group of Protestant leaders in Havana that if previous revolutions in Cuba had given time to establishing democratic customs and processes, perhaps there would not have been a situation in which a Machado or a Batista could rise to power.

The need for establishing firmly the reform measures, and preparing the people for democracy, is the explanation given for interim government by cabinet, which unites the legislative and executive functions in one small body. It is the reason that laws such as the agrarian reform are made a part of the new constitution. In a restaurant in Holguin, I heard a man say, referring to the land law, "This car has no reverse gear." That accurate resume of Castro's public statements on the subject depicts the rather dangerous gamble in a win-all, lose-all program.

The Cuban economy is still in a precarious situation. It is amazing that some of the Latin American countries do not fall apart completely when dictators despoil them. Batista's known "take" is reported at \$46 million. Others laid hands on only a few million dollars each, and some could put away only a few hundred thousand! It has been published in Cuba that the gold reserve (dollar balance) had been reduced from \$500-million to about \$70-million. When I asked for traveler's checks for a trip to Central America, I was told that by cashing a United States check for double the amount needed, and taking half in Cuban currency, the law would permit giving me the checks. The Cuban Government cannot afford to let United States dollars out of the country until the reserve is re-established.

You surely have seen by now that I do not have all the answers on Cuba. I hope, however, that I have conveyed the fact that there is a new and vitalized spirit in the air—Reprinted with permission from October, 1959, *Missions*.

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Home Mission Board missionaries to the Spanish-speaking—
Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Wolfe, Rev. and Mrs. Donald Phlegor

A Modern Philip and Paul

Two wonderful, dedicated couples and their families are giving themselves as true pioneers along the California and Mexico border to bring the message of Christ to Spanish-speaking people.

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Wolfe at San Ysidro, California and Rev. and Mrs. Donald Phlegor at Calexico, California are truly on our frontier of faith as missionaries of the Home Mission Board. Mr. Wolfe, as he works to establish a church and its missions, helps one to realize here is a modern Paul at work.

Then as you observe the busy schedule of Mr. Phlegor in personal work you feel you have been with a modern-day Philip. And behind all great men there must be great women. This is true of these lovely dedicated wives of home missionaries.

by WILLIAM W. RUSSELL

A pastor in Yucaipa, California pays tribute to the Christian witness of two couples—home missionaries—who are doing a fine, effective work among the Spanish-speaking in the southern part of his state.

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What Will Your Church See

During WMS Focus Week January 10-18

by MARGARET BRUCE, WMS DIRECTOR

WMS Focus Week 1960 is designed to help you see your WMS as your church sees it. Does your church see your WMS promoting Christian missions by enlisting women and young people in a vital program of mission study, prayer, community missions, stewardship? And does it see a dynamic organization influencing the whole church for missions?

Women in Missions

The test of any organization is its effect on those who belong to it. Does your church see the positive effect of your WMS on its members?

- Do they appreciate all people?
- Do they have a deep concern for those lost without Christ?
- Do they have strong spiritual lives?
- Do they witness for Christ?
- Do they share their possessions?
- Do they cultivate missionary convictions in hearts of youth?
- Do they bring others into missionary endeavor?
- Do they train for leadership?

Does your church see WMS members personally involved in the tragedy and suffering of mankind through their creative resources?

Youth in Missions

During Focus Week will your church see your WMS providing a WMU youth organization for all age groups in the church above three years of age? And will they see you adequately fostering these organizations? Will they see you securing co-operation of parents in missionary education of children?

The Whole Church in Missions

It is said that "at the present rate of growth the world will never be evangelized for the population is increasing at a faster pace than the churches are growing."

World evangelism must be accelerated! And the whole church must be in this missionary task. Your church has a right to expect the missionary spirit and activity of your WMS to be so significant that it will lead the whole church into missions.

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Southern Baptists AT WORK IN CUBA

DURING the past three years all of us have wondered about Cuba: many have been greatly concerned about our mission work during and since the revolution. Fortunately, in all of the upheaval and suffering that nation has experienced, no effort was made to interfere directly in the work of the Baptist churches or the missionary pastors, but of course the work has suffered indirectly.

While fighting was going on, travel, especially at night, was considered dangerous, and attendance at public meetings was reduced. Many scheduled general meetings, including the 1958 sessions of the West Cuba Baptist Convention, were canceled. Almost all of the institutions of higher learning were closed. It was necessary to suspend the Baptist Student Union program at the University of Havana altogether until order was re-established. In

fact, the university itself was closed.

Cuban young people especially were drawn into the throes of the conflict and were greatly hindered from participation in church and organized spiritual life.

Sorrow and fear gripped the land, for almost every family had suffered the loss of dear ones. But in spite of all, our Baptist pastors and churches bravely carried on, and when the revolution succeeded, found themselves well prepared to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the great surge of optimism and hope that engulfed the nation. They were further helped and encouraged by the favorable attitude of the new government.

New and ambitious plans were made and set forth in the renewed general meetings. At the 1959 meeting of the West Cuba Baptist Convention Dr. Herbert Caudill, superintendent of Southern Bap-

BY LOYD CORDER

Secretary, Department of Language Group Ministries

tist mission work in Cuba, challenged the people to grow in ten years from the present 84 churches and 176 missions with 8,500 members to 120 churches and 250 missions with 20,000 members. He set before them the goal of increasing baptisms from 500 to 1,500 per year. He showed that their Sunday school enrolment should grow from 14,000 to 30,000, and also that during ten years their total gifts should rise from \$156,800 to \$450,000 per year. American Baptists have a fine program of work in the Eastern provinces.

Plans for great provincial simultaneous evangelistic campaigns have been made and are being carried out. Cuba Baptists also have an aggressive program of stewardship promotion. The Cuban churches are aiming at full self-support while at the same time continuing and enlarging denominational institutions and programs.

The Baptist Student Union work has been resumed and enlarged to include students in the secondary schools as well as

the university students. The number of Baptist students in these schools is probably three times as great in proportion to the total student bodies as is the number of Baptists in proportion to the general population of Cuba. Baptist young people are preparing themselves for leadership in their churches and also in community, national and civic life.

Mention should also be made of a dozen or more Baptist day schools connected with various Baptist churches. Most of these are grammar schools, but a few of them also provide high school training.

The Cuban Baptist Hospital in Havana is growing in usefulness and influence. It has a most competent staff and it is expected that soon it shall have a permanent site and first units of buildings adapted to its needs. The Baptist Home for the Aged just outside Havana with its lovely property and first units of buildings has become a reality even during these troubled times.

Cuban Baptists have a great and effective

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Caudill have been missionaries in Cuba for 29 years. Dr. Caudill directs the Baptist work. Senora Umbelina Landera, president of Woman's Missionary Union in Western Cuba. She spoke at our WМУ Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas



tive radio ministry which should be further strengthened and extended. Also they have the paper, *La Voz Bautista* (The Baptist Voice.)

Another very important influence in Cuban Baptist life is Camp Yumuri, Cuba's Ridgcrest, where the people of the churches come for inspiration and information on how to do the Lord's work

through personal witnessing and in church life.

Probably the most vital and important of all Cuban Baptist institutions is the Seminary in Havana. Its capacity should be doubled immediately and continually enlarged to provide the necessary leadership for Cuban Baptist future growth.

Only one or two of the 81 Baptist

Are you planning to attend the 1960 WMU Annual Meeting in Miami, May 16-17? Then visit Cuba too!

A Land of Fascination

The flight from Miami to Havana takes less than an hour. By comfortable steamer the journey is accomplished overnight. Both methods of transportation have advantages. Traveling by air you will fly over the Florida Keys—thus enjoying an eagle's-eye view of these famous islets and the fabulous overseas highway which connects them. You will also see the varying tones of blue and green which have made the shoal waters in this area world-famous. The approach by sea also provides classic beauty. On a point made by the indentation of the harbor of Havana stand the picturesque lighthouse and fortifications of Morro Castle.

Clearing through the customs in Havana is interesting and comparatively painless. You will want to find a suitable hotel as a base of operations. It is my firm conviction that the best way to see any foreign country is to patronize establishments that do not cater to the tourist trade. Therefore, I suggest that the traveler secure lodgings at a small Cuban family hotel, avoiding the luxurious establishments normally patronized by tourists.

I would urge that you leave the beaten path seeking out the lesser known, smaller restaurants. You can identify these places by their air of respectability and by the well-dressed Cuban families who patronize them. If you go before eight o'clock for your evening meal, you will probably have the place to yourself. Supper time in Cuba, as elsewhere in Latin America, comes much later in the evening than in the United States. Food is cheaper in these smaller restaurants.

Ask about the specialty of the day, avoiding flashy dishes concocted for the Americans. A quick but diplomatic glance at an adjoining table may give you a clue. The national dish of Cuba is *arroz con pollo*. Pieces of tender chicken are placed around the border of a huge platter. The yellow Spanish rice is then heaped in the center and garnished with bright-red peppers. Your trip will not be complete without at least one sampling of *arroz con pollo*.

—from GARDENS OF THE ANTILLES, by John V. Watkins. Published by the University of Florida Press \$3.75 from Baptist Book Stores

churches in western Cuba have properly planned and adequate church buildings. The work is greatly handicapped for lack of these. It is a great undertaking to provide buildings and property for the churches and missions we already have and also for those that we ought to have in the immediate future.

At a conference at Yumuri last summer there were written on a blackboard before the group of workers, names of a hundred cities and towns in the four western provinces of Cuba where there is no Baptist work of any kind. Plans were laid for entering these as rapidly as possible.

In accomplishment of all this, the greatest resources of the Cuban Baptist people are spiritual. How they need our prayer that they may be equal to the tasks before them. But let us remember that material resources are needed also. A great deal will depend on the strength of the general economy of Cuba. Cuban Baptists have shown that they will give of what they have, but, of course, if they have very little, as in the past, then they cannot give large amounts.

During the past three quarters of a century Southern Baptists through the Home Mission Board have made a great investment of life and money in the Baptist work of western Cuba. There have been times of adversity and times of prosperity and out of it all has come a good return on the investment. Those who visit the fields have a real satisfaction in seeing what the Lord has done. In God's providence it is possible for the present churches to make more rapid progress toward full self-support. Southern Baptists need to help establish new churches which are desperately needed in the 100 cities and towns that now have no organized Baptist witness. Let us continue to pray and give for the more rapid advance of Christ's kingdom among Baptists in Cuba. Items totaling approximately \$180,000 for Cuba are included in the 1960 Annie Armstrong Offering.



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Filth in Your Mailbox

BY CYRIL E. BRYANT

POSTMASTER GENERAL Arthur E. Summerfield calls it filth. And he estimates that one million American children—about one in every 45—are on the mailing lists of dealers in obscenity who have turned pornography into a \$500-million a year racket.

The tragedy of the thing, Mr. Summerfield laments, is that these people who are trafficking in the morals of American youth for personal profit have been able to do it with the assistance of the US mail. Considering the large post office deficit, it means that US taxpayers are helping underwrite these racketeers in their victimization of youth.

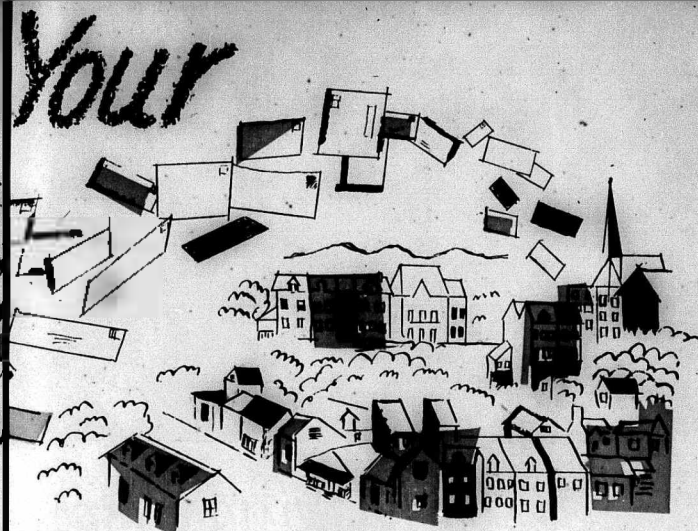
Congress came to the aid of the Post Office Department and Christian citizens a year ago by amending laws so that mailers of obscene material can be prosecuted anywhere along the route their pieces of filth may travel. Previously an offender could be tried only at the point of mailing. Usually he paid a light fine, moved to another

address and started all over again. Now, prosecution can be meted out at the point of destination—where irate parents sit on the jury. The first such case resulted in ten years imprisonment for a man and his wife. "This is the kind of sentence people understand," the Postmaster General observed.

The filth which is mailed so bountifully is of sales solicitation nature. It is in itself debauched and rankly obscene; it urges the curious recipient to send money for even more lewd books and magazines—the same material, oftentimes, that alert citizens committees have previously chased off their local newsstands.

Some of this mail goes to children as young as eight years, because their names happen to be on somebody's list.

If the Post Office had its way, it would throw every piece of this mail into a roaring bonfire. That does happen many times—but such is possible only when laws are explicit enough to specify what is actually



obscene and what is borderline.

These entrenched racketeers fight corrective legislation and law enforcement with everything at their command. They yell "censorship," "freedom of the press," and "civil liberties." And here another tragic thing happens—many law-loving Christian citizens are caught in the web and join in the cry for questionable constitutional liberties.

"It is extremely unfortunate," Mr. Summerfield told Senate subcommittees on Constitutional Amendments and Juvenile Delinquency (headed respectively by Senators Kefauver, Tennessee, and Hennings, Missouri), "that some well-intentioned people apparently confuse liberty with license and unwittingly become the cat's paw of dealers in obscenity."

Mr. Summerfield believes the problem may get worse before it gets better. The sales volume of mail-order obscenity has doubled in the last five years, and unless vigorously checked can double again by

early 1963. Complaints received by the Post Office, mainly by indignant parents, totaled 50,000 in 1958, then leaped to more than 70,000 in 1959. All these complaints are investigated and the mailers indicted where possible. There were 293 arrests in 1958, 315 in 1959.

What can the parent do to protect his child? What can the Christian citizen do to protect the morals of American youth?

At least three things are clearly evident: (1) Demand that local, state, and national governments adopt legislation strengthening present laws and closing the loopholes through which these racketeers operate. (2) Organize parents and other interested individuals of your church and community in speaking clearly on the subject, protesting, where need be, the filth found on your local newsstands or anywhere else. (3) And, certainly, if any pornographic mail comes to your home, take it to your postmaster immediately so that legal action can be brought against offenders.



We Are Making Progress in Cuba

THE LAST few years have been years of wonderful experience in the Baptist work in Cuba.

In the beginnings of our mission work we taught that "the gospel is free" and that salvation doesn't cost a cent, but this idea created a misconception about the stewardship of our possessions.

However, in the last twelve years we have been promoting stewardship of life and also of material possessions.

During these twelve years we have tried to teach our churches Christian stewardship. We have done a great deal of teaching about the church budget, about the system of the unified church budget, and about the tithe as the basis for sustaining the Lord's work. As a result of these efforts we can say that God has richly blessed us and whereas in 1947 our churches received a total of only \$45,000 for all purposes, last year \$173,848.20 was given for all purposes. Of this amount \$51,908 was added

to the help that comes from the Home Mission Board for the salaries of pastors and missionaries; \$59,252.63 was for the Cooperative Program of Cuban Baptist Convention, and \$82,686.59 was local expenses. In other words, our churches gave 34 per cent of their budget to the work of the Cuban convention.

In our mission field we have four million inhabitants and only 84 Baptist churches; one church for every 47,857! This explains why, in spite of the fact that we are making a great effort toward self-support, we are at the same time using part of our money to extend the kingdom of God in our country. This is why our brethren in the United States should understand why it is necessary for the Home Mission Board to continue to help the mission work in Cuba and our brethren give more financial support to our work.

During the past twelve years we have made remarkable progress and now there



by DR. JOSE M. SANCHEZ, Director
Religious Education Department
Baptist Convention of Western Cuba

are thousands of Cuban Baptists who know the divine plan for supporting the work of the Lord and are giving their tithes to the cause of Christ.

We maintain an old people's home. Last year Cuban Baptists gave \$15,441.70 for the maintenance of this home. We contributed \$3,584.28 to our seminary and \$7,688.90 for evangelism and Cuban missions. Our convention co-operated with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, giving \$1,237.55.

Our individual churches have made great progress. When I was called to be pastor of the Baptist church of La Vibora, in Havana, this church did not have a budget and was receiving \$50 a month for all purposes. Now this church has a budget of \$580 a month and has co-operated with the missionary work in Cuba, giving thousands of dollars.

Our Cuban brethren are feeling more each day their responsibility for their own

work.

We have made progress, but there are still thousands and thousands of Cubans who do not know Christ as Saviour, and we hope the brethren of the Southern Baptist Convention will continue to help us in the extension of the gospel in Cuba.

Now, after the revolution which freed us from a cruel tyranny the first of January, 1959, a struggle which cost more than 20,000 young lives sacrificed to give us a happy country, we now (I am writing in August 1959) have the greatest opportunity in the history of our country to preach the gospel and we must give the gospel to all Cubans. This is a challenge we all should accept, both Baptists here and our beloved brethren in the United States.

Organizations in Baptist Churches in Western Cuba

organizations		enrollment
Sunday school	352	14,604
Training Union	188	2,490
WMS	85	1,155
YWA	49	486
GA	61	700
Sunbeam Band	45	631
Total WMU	240	2,972
RA chapter	53	593
Brotherhood	59	852



American Baptists in Cuba

by WILBUR LARSON, secretary for Latin America
American Baptist Home Mission Societies

American Baptists began mission work in Cuba just after the close of the Spanish-American War. The American Baptist Home Mission Society and The Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society work in the eastern half of the Island, comprising the provinces of Camaguey and Oriente. The work has grown through the years and recent figures show 112 churches with 7,346 members and baptisms totaling 507 in the year. In the 299 Sunday schools, there was an average attendance of 14,179. An indication of growth in self-support is the fact that local churches regularly provide for more than 85 per cent of the cost of the work.

The Eastern Cuba Baptist Convention carries on an extensive program under vigorous and forward-looking leadership. It emphasizes such areas of work as missions, evangelism, stewardship and Christian education.

Within the Convention, a significant feature is the Cuban Baptist Home Mission Society founded in 1920. It was organized at a time of crisis in the support

of work in a region known as Baracoa. The solution to progress of Cuban Baptists was to found their own missionary organization, entirely a Cuban affair in support and administration. Churches are assisted in a number of rural areas throughout the two provinces. Significant is the work among the Haitian immigrants, who are the migrant workers of Cuba and do some of the hardest labor in cane fields and coffee plantations. Cuban pastors have gone into the isolated areas where Haitians are located and have evangelized them. Some 40 congregations are flourishing with 1,200 members and many sympathizers. The Haitian Baptist Convention in Cuba functions to forward this work.

The Eastern Cuba Baptist Seminary was founded under the sponsorship of the Convention in 1949. It has already produced some leaders of excellent promise. Its campus, a few miles out of Santiago, is being constantly improved and its faculty has been recently strengthened to help meet some of the very challenging present needs. Rural Cuba presents many difficult prob-

American Baptists
work in the East



These Seminary graduates represent the fine educational work being done in Cuba by American Baptists

lems. Baptist leaders have long been concerned with these problems and much work has been done on that. A significant part of the program of the Convention is known as the "Rural Improvement Campaign." Under careful organization a team including pastors, lay workers and students, spends a week in a selected rural community. The team will usually include a doctor, a home economics expert, someone skilled in teaching illiterates, a lawyer familiar with land tenure problems, and agricultural experts as well as pastors and ministerial students. Day time classes and conferences and consultations help to meet many needs. Evening evangelistic meetings bring the gospel message. Many gratifying results have been noted from these efforts.

Collegio Internacionales at El Cristo in Oriente Province was founded in 1907, and now includes primary and secondary school as well as commercial department with boarding departments for both boys and girls. It has helped to train great numbers of teachers, lawyers, doctors and leaders in political life from all parts of the Island. Many of the pastors have received some of their training in this school. Some 20 local churches have established day schools, a few of which go through the secondary department. These schools are entirely self-supporting and in addition to providing

educational opportunities where these are so greatly needed, present an excellent evangelistic avenue in their own communities.

Recent political disturbances have inevitably hampered the work, especially throughout Oriente Province which was the center of military activity. With the re-establishment of peace, Baptists in Eastern Cuba see a great opportunity. They find people interested in the gospel and are seeking ways to strengthen the program of the churches. The Convention with its "Mission to the Sierra" is strengthening its work in the rural and mountain areas and under a special emergency program of the seminary, is training young people for leadership in this work. Volunteer workers are also being trained and organized for these efforts through the Youth Convention.

The Spirit of present day Cuba can well be described as was done recently by a leader in that area. He writes, "This is the day of revolutionary optimism in which to witness in Cuba. We are here to capture this enthusiasm for Him who said: 'My Kingdom is not of this world.' This is our opportunity to proclaim to newly freed Cuba 'If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.'"

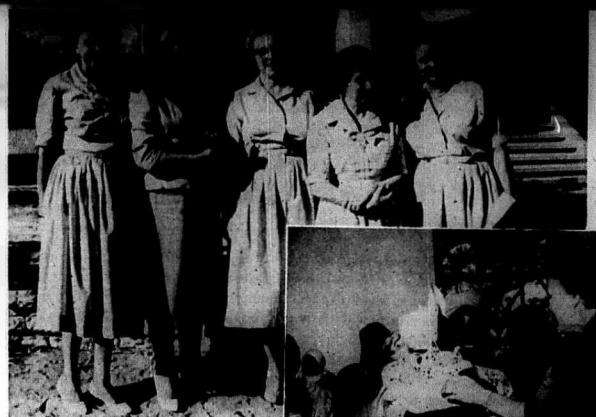


Indonesia—Dr. Karl
Mathis is seated in
Indonesia with
Indonesian girls

Taiwan — with WM
leaders who work
Missionary Missions
Tilford

Lebanon — newly married
MU leaders in Lebanon
come to discuss missionary
work and plans

Southern Rhodesia — one
of traveling was made
by thousands of radiant
Christian women such as
this one



Are Your Bifocals Adjusted?

BY ALMA HUNT

ARE YOUR bifocals adjusted? It's time for all of us as members of Woman's Missionary Society to look through the lower part of our bifocals. For three months we have lifted our eyes to the fields—the foreign fields. We are grateful to God for the enlarged vision and concern which we have for the work of our Foreign Mission Board, our foreign missionaries, and the Baptist work around the world through concentration on foreign missions during October and November, culminating in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in December.

Everywhere Mrs. Mathis and I went last summer on our missionary journey around the world, people expressed gratitude for your faithfulness in intercessory prayer, for your love and interest.

Every Baptist must know burden for the lost faraway, but there are yet millions nearby who have not acknowledged Christ as Saviour. There is pressing responsibility which we share with Baptist groups in every country. That is the necessity for our best efforts in prayer and gifts in behalf of home missions—whether in the USA,

Nigeria, Taiwan, or wherever Southern Baptists are at work in 40 countries.

Mrs. Mathis and I spoke for four months in countless churches of the Orient, the Near East, and Africa. We were careful to remind fellow Baptists of their home mission responsibilities. It was gratifying to tell them that thousands of converts worshipping in churches in our convention are the direct result of home mission work. But it was with sorrow that we told them that approximately one half the citizens of the United States do not profess faith in Jesus Christ. Many were greatly surprised indeed. They had expected that the land which sent missionaries, strong in faith as those among them, would surely report more Christians.

During the first three months of 1960 we have a thrilling home mission challenge. Let us scrutinize through the lower part of our bifocals the unlimited opportunities for strengthening mission work at home. Our fellow countrymen who have not accepted Christ are a part of the world of which Jesus spoke when he said "Go ye into all the world." Mrs. Mathis and I

tried to help overseas Baptists grasp the full meaning of the Great Commission for themselves, and were reminded again and again of the possibilities of its full meaning for us of our own beloved country. The work of the Home Mission Board is vital in the fulfillment of this grave command. We cannot take to others that which we do not possess. Those who have small vision at home cannot know the urgency necessary to give of life and love, prayer and money to others.

Many Christians are contented to leave winning of the lost to pastors and missionaries. Isn't it a paradox that Christians know the way of salvation and yet do not desire to share this most priceless of gifts? We have available the power of God's Holy Spirit to make us evangelists aflame for God. He will supply the power for our awakening if we entreat God's guidance.

What about our neighbors? The lost person next door is just as lost as one who lives in a part of the world where no missionary has yet gone with the gospel message. We must witness to him with conviction that he is lost if our neighbor

is to believe our testimony.

A home missionary at prayer said, "We thank Thee, our Father, that the gospel passed through us on its way to others"—note she said "passed through us" not "came to us." The only way we can discharge this imperative command of Christ is to let the gospel pass through us to others. Let us take hold of opportunities.

Let us study about home missions to enlighten our minds and to stir our hearts. Let us pray daily for all missionaries. Let us help with evangelization of our homeland by continued witness to lost people and to those who have accepted Christ but have lost contact with a church.

Let us plan in Woman's Missionary Societies to adjust our bifocals to see how we can increase our support of the work of the Home Mission Board through the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 7-11, 1960 and with sacrificial gifts through the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. You will have to plan well if your church gives at least 12 per cent more than last year. It will require this if we reach our 1960 goal of \$2,350,000.

JANUARY CIRCLE PROGRAM

"Render Unto Caesar"

by Mrs. Ernest H. Pierce

Before your meeting assign to small groups of three: *Group One:* Select TV programs which show crime, alcohol advertisements, broken homes; group will be ready to discuss after "Broken Laws" their feelings and convictions regarding a parent's responsibility to discipline herself to renew her determination to shield her child wisely from degrading influences.

Group Two: Make posters on crime, alcohol, drugs, etc., using pictures and statistics collected from newspapers and magazines. As this group shows these, their comments also could include information from "Filth in Your Mailbox" on page 10.

Are there ways circle members can give guidance to youth in our homes? Perhaps there are those who have successfully directed their children's activities in ways which kept them from viewing such TV programs without making an issue of it with the children. Does your group protest to TV stations violence and low moral standards in programs?

Leader's Introduction

This quarter we are studying Christian Citizenship in our circles. This month we consider Law Observance, in February Lord's Day Observance, completing the study in March with Politics a Christian Business. The privileges and responsibilities of citizenship are a vital part of Christian living, therefore, it is important that a Christian learn what God expects of him as a responsible member of society. Knowing God's standards, a Christian can more intelligently discharge his responsibilities to God and to his country.

President Eisenhower has proclaimed May 1 as Law Day. The purpose of Law Day is to focus the attention of adults as

well as juveniles on the rising tide of lawlessness, and to develop a greater respect for law and order by all Americans.

All of us are aware that lawlessness in our country is a matter of concern not only to law officials, but to citizen groups as well as to parents. Last year, crime increased 9 per cent throughout the nation. Since 1955 our juvenile population has jumped by more than 10 per cent. Juvenile arrests in the same period more than doubled.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, says for every dollar our churches receive our crime rate costs twelve dollars. With both crime rate and church membership at an all-time high in America, clearly we have achieved a split personality. We are having both an increase in church membership and a moral decline.

Respect for law and order is a cornerstone of our American heritage. Rich though this heritage is, it will not long endure without vigilance and work. Our very survival as a nation requires an all-out effort by all citizens to replace lawlessness with law observance; juvenile delinquency with juvenile decency.

True Confessions: In the early pioneer days of our country a game was played among church groups called "Shelling Out the Corn." Each one presented confessed wrongdoing during the year. (Have several of your circle members briefly tell—and not with pride—their experiences such as receiving a ticket for speeding, for violations of stop signs, school zones, parking meters. Ask: What was your reaction? What did the policeman say? What was your answer? Bring out the truth that our careless

reaction to violation of traffic laws, including speeding are strong witness to youth that we do not respect the laws of our community.)

Broken Laws

Every criminal court judge in this country is sickeningly aware of the terrible fact that teen-agers are increasingly on the criminal dockets. Our awareness is often tinged with despair, almost panic. It seems that something deep and basic—the respect for authority—is disappearing from our way of life. This has also caused revolt against God's second law, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" and has brought about the nation's greatest crime wave among teen-agers.

Today the word obey is an outlawed word in many homes. It has become easier to indulge children than to discipline them. Proverbs reminds us, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (Prov. 22:15).

Dr. Perry Webb declared in a Southern Baptist Convention sermon: "Anarchy is not born in the back alleys of our cities. It is the bitter fruitage of homes where obedience and proper respect for authority are not required. Children who never learn self-control in the home will be out of control for the rest of their lives."

But children need more than discipline. They need to have parents who will themselves show respect for constituted authority by obeying the laws. The child who is instructed to say when the telephone rings, "Tell them Mama is not at home," is learning to disregard truth. Youth observing that when Father or Mother is behind the steering wheel the legal speed limit is exceeded will not respect the policeman who stops him for the same violation. Children are taught by a parent's harsh criticism of governmental officials, schoolteachers, and preachers, to disrespect authority.

Crimes on TV which we view indifferently are invading our homes 365 days a year. To the little boy, lying flat on the

floor in front of the TV in his own home, seeing his favorite star shooting someone, death becomes "play-like" in his young mind. A mother hesitating to tell a four-year-old that Grandmother had died was astonished to have him ask, "Who shot her?"

Group One discussion on TV programs centered on crime.

Broken Lives

When the Eighteenth Amendment was repealed we were told that liquor would never again be sold by the drink. It was to be a controlled evil, but sin is uncontrollable. Today it is sold in every American city, and encouragement to drink is beamed over the airwaves to our homes, enticing young and old by suggestion to drink. No home with a television or radio is exempt from this organized effort by the brewery industry to bring our youth to believe that alcoholic drinks "belong" in the home.

A recent survey in one state shows that 73 per cent of the delinquent children between ages 10 and 17 inclusive have used alcoholic beverages. Approximately two thirds of the arrests made in cities of the United States result from excessive use of alcoholic beverages. The picking up of the empty beer cans strewn along the right-of-way in one state, costs the taxpayers almost \$121 per mile each year.

Mahatma Gandhi accurately described the role of alcohol in India and elsewhere when he said: "India does not cater to the vices of her people. I hold drink to be more damnable than thieving, yes, even than prostitution. Is it not often the parent of both?"

Broken Hearts

A recent newspaper article gave information that there is an expenditure of more than \$500 million on obscene printed matter sent through the United States mail each year. The lamentable part of the story is that racketeers in such trash are dumping this pornographic filth into the hands of our children. (turn page)

JANUARY CIRCLE PROGRAM (continued from page 19)

A recent find in New York City by the Post Office Department netted 17 tons of highly obscene printed and filmed materials, and the producer of these materials had in his possession a mailing list of 100,000 persons, including many school children. This material has much the same effect upon the mind of our youth as does narcotics upon the body. Many crimes committed by youth are directly or indirectly connected with obscene material.

The absolute privacy of the mail is one of our basic American rights. The Post Office Department can legally identify and take action against violators of the mail on the complaint of citizens who receive such material. It is up to parents to be on the lookout for any obscene literature or pictures which may fall into the hands of their children. Some of these human scavengers are getting at our children through advertisements in magazines for legitimate articles offered for sale at small cost. Parents have been asked by the Post Office Department to save all questionable materials received, including the envelope and all enclosures and are advised personally to take all of this immediately to the local postmaster.

This matter is not fantasy nor some story dreamed up by a fanatic, but it is a hard and bitter fact that there are people in our country who are not only deliberately preying upon adults but also upon children to degrade their minds and lives, thereby breaking the hearts of those who love them. (See page 10 "Filth in Your Mailbox.")

What Can We Do? Group Two discussion, showing posters.

Meditation: Broken Pitchers

Read Judges 7:19-21. The Lord instructed Gideon in the selection of his army and Gideon carefully carried out the

instructions. Each one in this select army was equipped with a trumpet, a pitcher, and a lamp within the pitcher. They were instructed to look on Gideon and to do as he did. At a given signal each one was to blow his trumpet, break his pitcher, and let his light shine forth.

Christians are the select army of the Lord. We are to keep our eyes on Christ and break our confining pitchers of neglect and indifference, letting our light shine forth as we with God's help seek to teach our children in our homes and churches to respect authority and the rights of other people.

It was Abraham Lincoln who said, "Let reverence for laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap. Let it be taught in schools and colleges. Let it be preached from the pulpit. Let it be proclaimed in legislative halls. Let it be enforced in courts of justice. Let it become the political religion of the nation. And let the old and the young, the rich and the poor, of both sexes and of all tongues and colors, sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars."

God's soldiers must be concerned with the destroying evil forces in our society that we shall use the Light of the knowledge of Jesus to dispel the darkness. We cannot afford just to talk about law violations, unwholesome TV programs, obscene literature, the liquor industry's cunning and subtle ads, juvenile delinquency. We "render unto Caesar"—our government—best by our enlightened Christian concern, living and actions.

Prayer

Action: What specific, definite, persistent things will you do as Christian women about these evils? Discuss and decide, then do them day after day, month after month. God being your helper!

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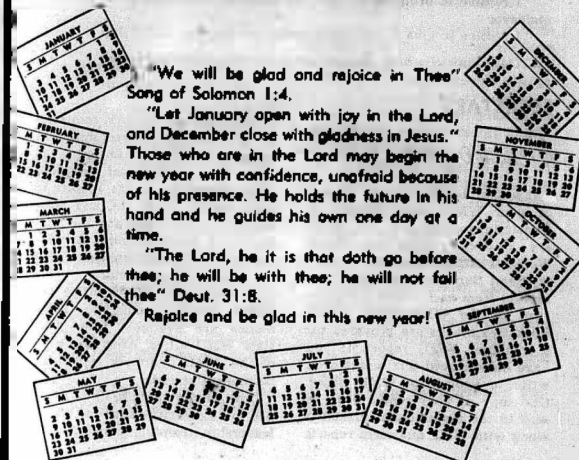
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"We will be glad and rejoice in Thee"
Song of Solomon 1:4.

"Let January open with joy in the Lord, and December close with gladness in Jesus." Those who are in the Lord may begin the new year with confidence, unafraid because of his presence. He holds the future in his hand and he guides his own one day at a time.

"The Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee; he will not fail thee" Deut. 31:8.

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Enlist women in this service by showing them how they may help with the music, teaching Sunday school classes, visiting, preparing visuals, beautifying place of meeting, providing materials, etc.

Commitment Day

Sunday, January 3, is Soul-winning Commitment Day. Community missions chairmen will remind WMS members in circle and general meetings of this effort to encourage every Christian to become a soul-winner.

In preparation for signing the soul-winning pledge keep before the women such verses of scripture as: "He that winneth souls is wise" Proverbs 11:30. "Ye are my witness, saith the Lord" Isaiah 43:10. "Tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee" Mark 5:19. These verses may be printed on placards and placed on bulletin boards in the church, and in rooms where WMS meetings are held. They may be written on WMU place cards (35c dozen from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala.) and used on tables if your Society or circle has a luncheon or supper meeting. They may be printed on postal cards and sent to WMS members.

Soul-winning Tracts Packet may be secured for 25c from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala.

"Recognize the place of the Holy Spirit in soul-winning—submit to the control of the Holy Spirit in your life. Depend upon the resources of the Holy Spirit in soul-winning"—Moody Monthly.

PRAYER CHAIRMAN

HIGH time

Prayer chairman, do you want to have in your church an effective, far-reaching Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 7-11? Then it is high time you and your committee make plans.

Work with the pastor and other church leaders to keep these days free from all other meetings and activities.

The theme for the week is "Behold Your God." See page 29, current WMU Year Book for daily topics and the action to be motivated by this Week of Prayer. "It is high time to awake out of sleep... the night is far spent... let us therefore cast off the works of darkness" Rom. 13:11-12. During your five-day observance of the Week of Prayer, members of your church will see how they may call America back to God through prayer and gifts.

"Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just!"—Thomas Jefferson.

Spiritual Life Development

In the magazine, Christianity Today, February 16, 1959, the statement was made that the Roman Catholic church in America gives 300 hours of religious instruction each year; Jewish synagogues schools 305 hours, and others 25 Bible teaching hours in Sunday school each year.

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Sunday school classes, Training Union, and Woman's Missionary Union organizations meet weekly, and where the Sunday morning and evening worship services and Wednesday evening prayer services are held, our members are receiving more than the highest 305 hours of religious instruction each year. Prayer chairmen and prayer committee members are reminded

that we seek to strengthen the spiritual life of members through "the encouragement of daily Bible study."

January 4-8 is Special Bible Study Week. Co-operate in your church's plan to provide this week of extra Bible study. Encourage WMS members to take advantage of this opportunity for spiritual life development.

STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN

"What Hast Thou Given?"

More than half the world is hungry

Two fifths are without adequate clothing

One third does not possess the minimum in housing

"If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" James 2:15-16

It is inconsistent to preach the gospel to the hungry, the naked, the homeless, and to try to convince them of our love unless we out of our abundance make some effort to alleviate their suffering.

This year has been designated as World Refugee Year. Are there refugees in your community? Have you and your committee led WMS members to share their possessions with them?

There are two and three quarter billion people in the world—85 per cent are non-Christian

9,000,000 Southern Baptists have only 1,355 overseas missionaries \$419,619,436 (one fourth of their tithe) was given by Southern Baptists through their churches in 1958, but only \$15,334,738 or 3.7 per cent went to foreign missions.

Use these facts to show:

The need for more tithe

The need for those who will use the 9/10 wisely.

January's WMS program topic is "What Hast Thou Given?" Stewardship chairmen may want to send special invitations to this meeting to all WMS members.

Invitation cards may be secured for 15c a dozen, 65c for 100, from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala.

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Publications Chairman

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Subscriptions to Royal Service equating 60 per cent of WMS members is our 1960 goal. These 48 mission-information-packed pages are indispensable to officers and chairmen. Every WMS member needs her own copy, too.

Plan a subscription campaign for January. See which circle can have the largest percentage of subscriptions to Royal Service. If you do not have circles see which WMS member can secure the largest number of subscriptions.

YOUTH DIRECTORS

Loetswa

Loetswa is an African way of asking "Are you awake?" My January jottings for youth directors are so numerous I'm asking "Loetswa to January opportunities?"

Reports of your first quarter's work are due. Be sure that each YWA and GA counselor and Sunbeam Band leader has reported correctly each phase of organizational work. Give reports (keeping duplicate copies) to the WMU secretary so that she can combine them with the WMS report. The complete WMU report is then sent to the associational WMU president who forwards the youth reports to associational directors.

Have the YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band committees made plans for the study of Call to the Country, 75c, for YWAs, Deepa's R.F.D., 50c, for Intermediates, Mike and His Four-Star Goat, 50c, for Juniors, and Sammy in the Coun-

try, 50c, for Primary Sunbeam Bands? Have the Teacher's Guides and supplementary materials been ordered? These books and other teaching materials may be secured from Baptist Book Stores. Call on your WMS to help provide books for young people who cannot buy them, and for mission study materials for teachers.

Youth directors will remind counselors, leaders and assistants to begin preparation for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 7-11, January and February program materials and study of the Home Mission books will help young people get ready for the observance of the Week of Prayer. Begin talking about the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. Lead the organizations to set goals which are 12 per cent more than they gave last year.

YWA directors will lead the YWA committee to plan wisely for YWA Focus Week, February 14-20. Women's Missionary Societies are eager to help with plans which will enable the church to learn more about Young Women's Auxiliaries. Fostering circles and Societies can help with enlistment of YWAs during this special week and with every other activity which will strengthen the work of Young Women's Auxiliaries.

Youth directors, are you awake in the need for new WMU organizations in your church? Be alert to the opportunity of providing WMU organizations for all age groups in the church above three years of age.

Your WMS may need "waking up" to its responsibility for cultivating missionary convictions in hearts of youth. We look to you and your committee for guidance in fostering.

things will you do as Christian women about these evils? Discuss and decide, then do them day after day, month after month. God being your helper!

The Glory of Giving

WITH PAUL let us see how the glory of giving is made evident in the searching meaning of it. I want you to put your mental fingers sensitively on these words of 2 Corinthians 8:5: "They did not merely what we hoped for," says Paul, referring to the generous donations of the Macedonian Christians, "but they gave themselves first to the Lord and so, in keeping with the will of God, also to us" (Berkeley).

In the Christian order of realities the giving of money never comes first. It is the giving of ourselves that is the first consideration.

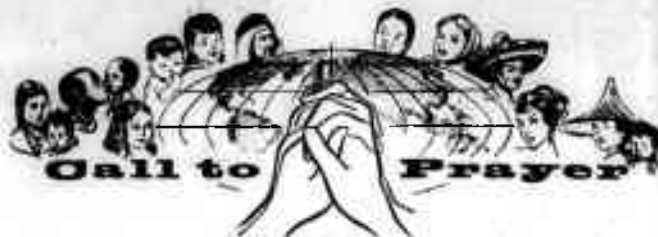
Show me a man who is partial in the dedication of himself to Christ, and I will show you a man who is parsimonious in the giving of his money. When between us and the Lord there are frictions over our contributions, it simply means that there are frictions in our consecrations. Let the Holy Spirit give you totality in your self-dedication and there will be generosity in your offerings. . . .

A missionary, after studying the lives of the original disciples prior to their being filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, says: "They had given up a good deal to follow Jesus—fishing nets, boats, parents, home, occupation—everything except themselves. They had never really surrendered the citadel, the center. They gave the marginal things but not the center."

Then came the day of their power! Into the vacuum of their self-emptying poured the vitality of God's self-giving—the Holy Spirit. When they consented to be emptied of themselves, they found the fullness of God. After that, it is not surprising to read: "... neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own . . ." (Acts 4:32). Naturally! If I myself am not my own, how could anything I have in my hands be mine?

Here then is the central meaning of dedication: the giving of ourselves! And here, from this diamond center of all stewardship, flashes the real glory of giving.

—Paul S. Ross in *Christian: Commit Yourself*, Fleming H. Revell Company, \$2.00 from your Baptist Book Store.



Prayer Motto: Day by Day for the World I Pray

prepared by Mrs. H. Lee Eddleman

1 Friday Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Lam. 1:12.

In Atlanta, Georgia there is a Good Will Center where Negro children are being taught every day. The change in the lives and homes of children who come to the Baptist Jordan Good Will Center was a source of joy for Miss Jewel Morrisette, a young woman who worked at that Center for several years. She heard one small girl express it this way, "God, help us to be kind. Help is not to want to hurt one another." Pray for this Good Will Center, the workers, children and parents.

PRAY for Mrs. Leland A. Warren, Tecumseh, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. John A. Mouser, White River, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Peter Chen, San Francisco, Calif., ev. among Chinese; Rev. Rafael Melias, Placetas, Cuba, Rev. Melvin J. Bradshaw, Kyoto, Japan, Rev. J. Daniel Luper, Sao Luiz, Brazil, ev.; Miss Cornelia Brower, Temuco, Chile, Miss Cecile Lancaster, Japan, ed. ev.

2 Saturday And a man's foes shall be they of his own household Matt. 10:36.

Missionary Ruth O'Dell now at the Baptist International student center in Berkeley, California, was formerly a missionary in Cuba. She recalls, "One day in Havana I visited a teen-age lad whose relatives had persecuted him for his public profession of faith. They also threatened me with violence. But the lad's faith held firm and now his mother has become a devoted Christian." Pray for Baptists of Cuba that they may be faithful witnesses to family, friends, and neighbors.

PRAY for Miss Christina Guerrero, San Blas, Panama, Rev. Edward B. Troft, Aracaju, Rev. Fred E. Halbrooks, Jr., Brazil, ev.; Miss Edythe I. Montroy, Iwo, Rev. Gordon E. Robinson, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Miss Barbara Epperson, Ibadan, Nigeria, pub., ev.; Miss Mary C. Demarest, China-Taiwan, retired; Rev. Truman Granger, Arnoldville, La., ev. among French; Mr. R. Y. Bell, Winnfield, La., ev. among Negroes; Mr. Charles H. Rankin, La Junta, Colo., ev. among Spanish-speaking

3 Sunday Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity 1 Tim. 4:12.

For the past three summers the Brotherhoods around Columbus, Georgia, have provided funds for a Baptist Boy's Camp. After a week of food, swimming, life-saving, and other sports with Christian counselors and camp pastors, thirty underprivileged boys listened closely to the closing message. The Holy Spirit led sixteen of the boys to stand quietly without music and make professions of faith. Seven rededicated their lives. Others have since asked for baptism and church membership. Pray for these, their parents and friends.

PRAY for Rev. Jose E. Alvarez, Planad, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. R. Isbell, Citronelle, Ala., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Victor L. Frank, Kowloon, Hong Kong, pub. ev.; Rev. John A. Abernathy, Korea; Mrs. Dewey E. Merritt, Nigeria; Mrs. Eli Moore, Kediri, Indonesia; Rev. Charles I. Mullins, Waianae, Hawaii, ev.

Missionaries are noted on their birthdays. Addresses in Directory of Missionary Personnel, from the Foreign Mission Board, Box 4597, Richmond 20, Virginia, and in Home Missions.

4 Monday If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God . . . and it shall be given him James 1:5.

The influence of the Roman Catholic Church is felt in Panama's public schools. But on June 1, 1959 God worked a miracle. There was a marked change in the attitude of the director of a local school. Missionary W. D. Morgan reports, "She called me to her office, greeted me politely, and asked me to have at my church religion classes for all the children in her school who wished to attend three days a week. Now one hundred children are brought to the classes by a Catholic teacher!"

Pray for Mr. Morgan, these children, their teachers that many may know Christ as Saviour.

PRAY for Mrs. D. A. Morgan, Cristobal, Canal Zone, Mrs. Rafael Fraguela, Artemisa, Rev. Antonio Ramos, Arroyo Apolo, Cuba, Rev. James H. Bitner, Valparaiso, Chile, Mrs. Alvin E. Spencer, Jr., Matsue, Miss Frances Talley, Matsuyama, Mrs. Leslie Watson, Miyazaki-shi, Japan, ev.; Anthony E. Morgan, MF; Miss Mary Drucilla King, Kenedy, Mrs. Elizabeth Escobedo, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. L. Raymond Brothers, Ibadan, Nigeria, Miss Edith Rose Weller, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, B.A.; Rev. Patrick H. Hill, Oghomoshio, Nigeria, Mrs. R. Keith Parks, Indonesia, Miss Margorie Spence, Temuco, Chile, ed. ev.

5 Tuesday Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers 2 Cor. 6:14.

Rev. W. E. Burke, Home Mission Board field worker tells of a Roman Catholic youth who was engaged to a Baptist girl. The girl sought his help when she found she must give her children over to the Catholic church and promise they would be educated in Catholic schools. But God sent a miracle after many conferences with the couple and in Bible study the young man saw his need of Christ as Saviour and accepted him.

PRAY for Rev. William E. Burke, HMB, MF; Mrs. L. Gene Legg, Nigeria, RN; Miss Annate Berry, HMB, retired; Mrs. Pablo Torres, Pharr, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Rogelio Parot, Santa Domingo, Mrs. Rafael Melias, Placetas, Cuba, H. Barry Mitchell, Garanhuns, Brazil,

6 Wednesday So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God Rom. 14:12.

In Guatemala the scarcity of workers is discouraging. Three missionary couples are doing the work which needs at least six. Working among people where 70 per cent neither read nor write makes conversion and Christian growth difficult. Literacy teams are teaching the people to read. Missionary Clark Scanlon requests prayer for continuation of the enthusiasm of new Christians for spiritual growth, for these teams.

PRAY for Mrs. A. Clark Scanlon, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Rev. Gilbert A. Nichols, Paraguay, Mrs. William R. Medling, Kumamoto, Japan, Rev. Domingo Fernandez, Vedado, Cuba, ev.; Samuel Fernandez, Clifford E. and Paul R. Medling, MF; Mrs. Armando G. Virgen, Bay City, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. A. N. Murray, HMB, retired; Rev. S. M. Weaver, Houston, Tex., ev. among Negroes; Miss Margaret Lamberth, Agbor, Nigeria, ed. ev.

7 Thursday My presence shall go with thee Exod. 33:14.

Mrs. John W. Patterson of Cali, Colombia says that a million people in the capital city of Bogota are without any gospel witness. Large towns have no evangelical witness. They need missionaries, and money for purchasing strategic lots for church buildings. The people are hungry for something to resolve their spiritual, economic, and political problems. Now is the time to take advantage of the opportunities. Pray for the government officials that drastic restrictions against evangelical work will be relieved.

PRAY for Mrs. John W. Patterson, Cali, Colombia, ed. ev.; Mrs. James D. Johnson, Oyo, Nigeria, RN; Rev. Tolbert A. Welch, Kansas City, Mo., ev. among Negroes; Rev. Isaías Valdivia, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Jerry I. Valdivia, MF; Mrs. David Jemmot, Panama City, Panama, Rev. Luciano Marquez, Regla, Cuba, ev.

8 Friday All the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee Psalm 22:27.

In Wendover, Utah, a town of more than 800 people, there are no churches except a Catholic church and a Latter Day Saints temple.

We have a mission located there, an arm of the church at Ely, Nevada, some 130 miles away, reports Area Missionary Ira

Marks. There are about twenty members with thirty unenlisted Baptists, who with a pastor on the field could soon become a church. The mission has been able to bid \$65 on a government surplus building, but they need \$250 to move the building to a lot which has been given. Pray with this mission for a pastor, for additional gifts, for the unenlisted, for the missionary.

PRAY for Mrs. B. W. Orrick, Uruguay, Rev. Erhardt S. Swenson, Argentina, retired; Rev. Billy B. Tisdale, Tarlac, Philippines, Rev. Matthew A. Sanderford, Montevideo, Uruguay, Rev. William E. Lewis, Jr., Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, ev.

9 Saturday The Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly Psalm 84:11.

"Hebrew is the language we must master in order to be effective witnesses to our neighbors," affirms Mrs. Milton Murphey of Israel. "Many see the sign of the George W. Truett Home on the highway and out of curiosity travel a bumpy road to see the Baptist Center. Often I must pass up the opportunity to witness because of my limited knowledge of Hebrew. The lack of missionaries has left me with the responsibility for the Home and no time for study of the language."

Mrs. Murphey is burdened because she cannot communicate the life-giving message of God's love which she came to deliver. Pray for more missionaries to the land of Israel, for young people to go.

PRAY for Mrs. Louise W. Propst, Atlanta, Ga., GWC; Rev. Leslie G. Keyes, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Rev. James W. Bartley, Jr., Uruguay, Dr. John D. Hughey, Jr., Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, Rev. Robert F. Ricketson, Baguio, Philippines, ed. ev.; James E. and Samuel Ricketson, MF; Mrs. James E. Lingerfelt, Salvador, Brazil, ev.; Betty Jane and Martha Sue Lingerfelt, MF

10 Sunday But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me Acts 1:8.

"We can knock on doors but only God can open hearts," testifies Mrs. Dorothy Grijalva, missionary to Spanish-speaking in Colorado. "This past summer our vacation Bible school in Denver enrolled 144 children. Our Sunday school enrollment is only 89. Many of these children and their families attend no church. Pray for our witness to unsaved and unchurched parents."

PRAY for Mrs. Harold Holderman, Clayton, Mrs. M. E. O'Neill, Casa Grande, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Josephine Scoggs, Ft. Harcourt, Nigeria, ev.; Rev. George A. Bowdler, Sr., Argentina, retired

11 Monday As many as thou hast given him John 17:2.

Mrs. Howard Olive writes from the Philippines, "We are burdened for a lovely young couple—our architect and his wife, who is one of our language teachers. He consistently told Howard that he could never be anything but a Catholic because Catholics will employ no one of another faith to build for them. He attended our Revival one night and indicated by raised hand that he was under conviction of sin and concerned about his soul. We continue to witness to him and his wife, explaining to them the plan of salvation. We thank God for this unusual opportunity to share with them our testimony, but they have yet so many hurdles to make before willingness to 'let go and let God have His way.' Won't you pray with us for them?"

PRAY for Rev. W. W. Boggan, Atoka, Okla., ev. among Indians; Rev. Stephen M. Corradi, Albuquerque, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. M. C. Garcia, HMB, Dr. James T. Williams, China, retired; Dr. James T. McRae, Gaza, med. ev.; Rev. Victor L. Frank, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Mrs. Marion F. Moorhead, Japan, ed. ev.; Mrs. J. Ulman Moss, Caracas, Venezuela, Rev. H. B. Ramsour, Jr., Honolulu, Mrs. Hubert R. Tatum, Lanikai, Hawaii, ev.; David Ramsour, Peggy Sue Tatum, MF

12 Tuesday Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice Psalm 55:17.

"Jesus Gonzales had never attended an evangelical church before coming to our home in Guadalajara, Mexico," says Mrs. Wyatt Lee. "He showed much interest from the very first, enjoying our church life. After four months of praying with him, we had the joy of seeing him acknowledge Christ as Lord and Saviour. One of his brothers is also a Baptist. Together they pray for the rest of his family. Each time he goes home he takes tracts and portions of the Bible. At Christmas time he took some gospel preaching records." Pray for this boy and the lost ones in his home.

PRAY for Miss Amelia Rappold, New Or-

leans, La., GWC; Mrs. Delbert Fann, Brigham City, Utah, ev. among Indians; Rev. Lok-Tin Cheung, El Paso, Tex., ev. among Chinese; Rev. Britt E. Towery, Jr., Pingtu, Taiwan, Mrs. Milton E. Cunningham, Jr., Bulawayo, So. Rhodesia, ev.; Miss Mary Evelyn Fredenburg, Nigeria, Miss Victoria Parsons, Philippines, RN; Mrs. James Walton Moore, China, retired

13 Wednesday A little child shall lead them Isa. 11:6.

A four-year-old David Allen insisted on visiting the children in his block to invite them to Sunday school. As a result three children from two families started attending. These children and one parent from each home were all converted recently. Friends and neighbors saw God use a little boy to answer six years of prayer and labors as these five neighbors were converted. Pray for your own witness that you will be faithful.

PRAY for Rev. L. C. Smith, HMB, retired; Mrs. S. A. Condit, Birmingham, Ala., ev. among Italians; Mrs. John S. McGee, Igede, Nigeria, Mrs. Daniel H. Burt, Jr., Golan, Brazil, ev.; Rev. Leonard G. Lane, Ibadan, Nigeria, B.A.

14 Thursday No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly Psalm 84:11.

Senor Dogmac, an Arab who had become a Christian after he came to Chile, was a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hardy in Temuco, Chile. He was a man of fervent prayer, glad to attend chapel in the Temuco school. He rejoiced to find that his own 13-year-old grandson is one of the boarding students. Senor Dogmac's wife, a devout Catholic, reared the two daughters in her faith despite all he could do. Because the Catholic school was filled, the daughter brought this lad to the Baptist school. She did not tell her parents. Join us in prayer that this boy may be won for Christ and that he will be a means of winning others in his family.

PRAY for Mrs. Hubert L. Hardy, Jr., Temuco, Chile, Mrs. A. B. Bedford, Comodoro Rivadavia, Argentina, Mrs. George H. Hays, Japan, Rev. Joseph W. Mefford, Jr., Valencia, Spain, ev.; Rev. C. C. Fuller, Oak Ridge, Tenn., ev. among Negroes; Mrs. Job Maldonado, Carlsbad, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Ross L. Woodruff, Tuba City, Ariz., ev. among Indians

15 Friday But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you 1 Peter 1:25.

Today a letter came from Route 8, Box 500, Shelby County Penal Farm, Tennessee. It read: "Hold my mail until I am released from this institution, please."

The primary concern of the Baptist Center at Memphis, Tennessee, is to pass along the good news—news written indelibly in blood, which reads: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Pray for this center, for the inmates of this penal farm.

PRAY for Mr. Duane Highlander, Chattanooga, Tenn., GWC; Mrs. L. B. Olive, China, Dr. Jefferson Franklin Ray, Japan, retired

16 Saturday Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord? 1 Chron. 29:5.

At the first Canal Zone Association RA-GA Camp the only unsaved person, a junior girl, accepted Christ. She gave a joyous witness to her non-enlisted Baptist parents. The Holy Spirit worked in their hearts and the following Sunday they joined with God's people. Now they are active in Margarita Baptist Church. Pray for this convert and her family, that the Lord will provide needed leaders in this church. These are the requests of Missionary Mrs. W. C. Parker.

PRAY for Mrs. Thomas E. Haisell, Belem, Mrs. A. Bruce Oliver, Brazil, Rev. Charles E. Evans, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, ev.

17 Sunday For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world Eph. 6:12.

Missionary Mrs. Abraham Wright testifies that in Benld, Illinois, an eleven-year-old girl accepted Christ and was baptized last Spring. Her father has only part-time employment because of absenteeism caused by drink. The mother's health is also affected by drinking. She requests that you pray for this home where this new Christian is the oldest of five children.

PRAY for Mrs. Charles H. Rankin, La Junta, Colo., Rev. Harold Holderman, Clayton, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Charles W. Dickson, Joao Pessoa, Brazil, Rev. Virgil O. McMillan, Jr., Nagasaki,

Mrs. Coleman D. Clarke, Kyoto, Japan, ev.;
Rev. A. Jackson Glaze, Jr., Buenos Aires,
Argentina, ed. ev.

18 Monday Thou, Lord, hast not forsaken
them that seek thee Psalm 9:10.

One of the girls at Sellers Baptist Home
in New Orleans asked a worker what she
must do to be saved. Very late one night
the girl became so burdened she called for
the worker. She revealed that as the girl
was reading her Bible a strange peace and
calmness had filled her heart. As they studied
the Scriptures together and prayed, the
young woman accepted Christ as Saviour.
Pray for the young woman and the staff
of this Southern Baptist home for unwed
mothers.

PRAY for Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie, New
Orleans, La. SBH; Rev. Leobardo Estrada
Pico Rivera, Calif.; Rev. Milton Leach, Jr.,
Miami, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking;
Rev. Glen C. Prock, Berkeley, Calif., ev.
among deaf; Miss Christine Gernett, Cuba,
Mrs. Robert A. Jacob, China, retired; Rev.
Louis E. McCall, Thailand; Mrs. James H.
Bitner, Valparaiso, Chile, ev.; Rev. Glendon
D. Grober, Brazil; Mrs. Minor Davidson,
Malaya, ed. ev.; Dr. Audrey Fontnote, Kyoto,
Japan; Dr. L. C. Smith, Oghomoshu, Nigeria,
med. ev.

19 Tuesday The work which thou gavest
me to do John 17:4.

A brilliant young woman from Nazareth,
Israel, captured the hearts of students on an
American campus. In spite of long work
hours her grades stayed high and she was
respected by all.

Encouraged to stay in the US she turned
down job opportunities, saying, "God has
work for me to do in my native land. If I
do not do his work, it may go undone for
many years." Pray for Christian students
from overseas that they may heed God's call
to their lives.

PRAY for Miss Johnnie Rose Reid, New
Orleans, La., GWC; Miss Monda Marlar, Ga-
tooma, So. Rhodesia; Mrs. A. L. Gillespie,
Osaka, Japan, RN; Rev. Hiram F. Duffer,
Jr., Mexico City, Mexico, SW; Rev. Marvin
L. Garrett, Gatooma, So. Rhodesia; Mrs. Le-
Roy Albright, Blantyre, Nyasaland; Mrs.
Fred E. Halbrooks, Jr., Brazil, ev.

20 Wednesday That Christ may dwell in
your hearts by faith Eph. 3:17.

In Lima, Peru, happy people gathered in
a new Baptist church of simple, attractive
architecture. The auditorium was filled. Non-
believers and Christians were interested in
hearing more about the gospel. "For many
the dedication of this new building was like
finding God's rainbow after a long search,"
writes Missionary C. W. Bryan. Pray that
this church may reach many for Christ.

PRAY for Rev. Charles W. Bryan, Lima,
Peru; Mrs. Harold T. Cummins, Dacca, E.
Pakistan; Mrs. John C. Roborn, Kowloon,
Hong Kong; Mr. Adriano Robles, Batboa,
Cenul Zone, ev.; Rev. Aline K. Bonham, Sac-
ramento, Calif., ev. among Japanese; Dr.
Jeannette Beall, Mrs. C. A. Hayes, (MD),
China, retired; Miss Mary H. Sampson, Tai-
chung, Taiwan, SW.

21 Thursday And if thou draw out thy soul
to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul;
then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and
thy darkness be as the noon day Isa. 58:10.

Thirty-six years ago Rev. Manly Rankin
went to China as a missionary. When China
was closed by Communists the Foreign Mis-
sion Board sent him to Malaya. More recent-
ly he has served God in Honolulu. Ill health
has now made it necessary for him to return
to the mainland for treatment. Pray for Mr.
Rankin that God's Spirit will give him pa-
tience and opportunities for witnessing.

PRAY for Rev. Manly W. Rankin, Ha-
waii; Mrs. Samuel A. Qualls, Rio de Ja-
neiro; Mrs. Gerald Ben Seright, Brazil, ev.;
Carolyn Sue Qualls, MF; Rev. Donald Weeks,
Pueblo, Colo., ev. among Spanish-speaking;
Miss Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, Nigeria, B.A.

22 Friday And that every tongue should
confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the
glory of God the Father Phil. 2:11

Missionary Joshua Grijalva, Denver, Colo-
rado, writes, "Pray for our field of work,
for we are in a spiritual crisis. We have
been here four years and have seen some
progress. But of late, some have left us be-
cause they were not of us. Therefore, only
a handful of adults, plus a good group of
children compose our little church. Pray that
the power of God may be manifested and
the standstill broken!"

PRAY for Rev. Julius Carlisle Powell, Ni-
geria, retired; Rev. William E. Halton, Hon-
olulu, Hawaii, ed. ev.; Miss Jessie L. Green,
Malaya; Mrs. Irvin L. Northcutt, Peru, ev.;
Mr. Oscar K. Bozeman, Jr., Korea, B.A.

23 Saturday For the love of Christ con-
straineth us 2 Cor. 5:14

Fifty miles from Kaduna in the bush
country of Northern Nigeria a missionary
couple came upon a village of people who
had never heard the gospel. The chief of the
tribe was impressed when they told him
about the Saviour.

"This is new to us," he said. "Give us time
to think about what you have said for we
may want to follow this new way of life."
Pray for the chief and the people of this
village, for the missionary couple that they
may be able to return soon to the village.

PRAY for Rev. David N. Mayhall, Iwo
Nigeria; Mrs. Russell R. Morris, Ajloun, Jor-
dan; Mrs. Errol J. Palmer, Colon, Panama,
ev.; Miss Doris O. Garrett, He-Ife, Nigeria,
ed. ev.; Dr. Greene W. Strother, China-
Malaya, retired; Rev. B. Frank Belvin, Ok-
mulgee, Okla., ev. among Indians; Miss Mary
Lucy Parsons, Baltimore, Md., GWC; Rev.
W. B. Minor, Wagon Mound, N. Mex., ev.
among Spanish-speaking



Seeking to follow
Christ's example of intercession—
I will pray daily
for others.

24 Sunday That they might know thee the
only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou
hast sent John 17:3.

A Hebrew from India sat in a Bible class
in the Baptist church of Jerusalem. In the
discussion he suddenly said, "Reverend, I
have just read the New Testament through
for the first time, and I have fallen in love
with the person of Jesus Christ." After a
brief pause, he continued reflectively, "You
know, Sir, if Christianity isn't true, it ought
to be." Pray for this young man that he
may know that Jesus is the Messiah and
his Saviour. Pray for this Bible class and
Missionary James Smith the teacher.

PRAY for Mrs. E. R. Isbell, Citronelle,
Ala.; Mrs. F. H. Heiney, Ponca City, Okla.,
ev. among Indians; Rev. E. L. Kelley, Rev.
D. D. Cooper, HMB retired; Mrs. Napoleon
Gomez, San Blas, Panama, Rev. and Mrs.
Van Gladen, Saltillo, Mexico, Mrs. James

F. McKinley, Jr., Dacca, E. Pakistan, ev.;
Miss Maxine Lockhart, Nigeria, ed. ev.

25 Monday And they have kept thy word
John 17:6.

Solomon Ginsburg was a faithful mission-
ary in Brazil for a mission of Great Britain.
After Bible study and agony of soul, he was
immersed and received believer's baptism.
With great conviction he received the ordi-
nance symbolizing the death, burial, and
resurrection of Christ.

Missionary Ginsburg then went back to
the villages where he had originally preached
and instructed more accurately many of the
people whom he had won to Christ. He
spent more than 30 years in Brazil as a
missionary of the Southern Baptist Conven-
tion. Today Missionary W. E. Allen can see
fruits of Missionary Ginsburg's labors.

PRAY for Rev. W. E. Allen, Rio de Ja-
neiro, Brazil, pub. ev.; Miss Mary Ellen Yan-
cey, Nigeria; Mrs. D. Leon Mitchell, Ban-
dung, Indonesia, ev.; Miss Emma Mildred
Watts, Nigeria, RN; Rev. Jimmy Harrison,
San Pablo, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking

26 Tuesday For this cause I bow my knees
unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
Eph. 3:14.

"I am happy as a Christian, but my
mother and father are not Christians. My
brother and I are praying for them. We
want all the church to pray for them," said
Mabel Johns as she came forward in a serv-
ice at Brighton Mission in Florida.

Is it any wonder that soon after, this In-
dian mother and father acknowledged
Christ as their Lord? They are a very faith-
ful, fine Christian family today. Pray for
the Johns family as they witness to Indian
neighbors.

PRAY for Rev. D. A. Dalby, Hollydale,
Calif.; Rev. Billy D. Allen, Anadarko, Okla.,
ev. among Indians; Rev. Joseph Porter New-
ton, Graceville, Fla., ev. among deaf; Rev.
Pablo Martinez, Yaguey, Cuba; Rev. Jack
E. Thrower, Campinas, Mrs. Donald B. Mc-
Coy, Brazil; Mrs. J. Ralph Brunson, Singa-
pore, Malaya, ev.; Rev. Charles L. Martin,
Jr., Tokyo, Japan, SW; Dr. J. Christopher
Pool, Oghomoshu, Nigeria; Mrs. W. Lowery
Cooper, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ed. ev.;
Davis Cooper, MF.

27 Wednesday The things that thou hast
heard of me among many witnesses, the

same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also 2 Tim. 2:2.

Through schools in Colombia we are winning converts, teaching the Bible, educating future Baptist leaders of an evangelical group. "Some by-products are the spreading of Baptist influence, good will, and culture," says Missionary Lillian Williams. "The need is great for more and better schools, but at present we lack transportation, trained teachers, and governmental approval." Pray believing that these difficulties can be overcome.

PRAY for Miss Lillian Rae Williams, * Mrs. Loren C. Turnage, * Colombia, Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. Ernest F. Day, Gallup, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Pauline Martin, * Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mr. J. Wilson Fielder, China, retired.

24 Thursday I have planted, Apollos waited; but God gave the increase 1 Cor. 3:6.

In Colombia, South America, prejudice hinders missions. A Baptist Book Store in Barranquilla is a strong beachhead. The Spanish Baptist Publishing House in El Paso, Texas, furnishes books and other materials.

Students from Catholic schools buy supplies at the Book Store. They are given tracts and invited to Baptist churches; relations with employees of commercial houses have improved.

Mrs. Glynn Breeden looks after the book store. Pray for the Breedens—they need other missionaries to help them.

PRAY for Mrs. L. Glynn Breeden, Barranquilla, Colombia, ev.; Rev. Cecil Moore, Santiago, Chile, pub.; Mrs. J. H. Rowe, Japan, Rev. Frank DiMaggio, HMB, retired; Rev. J. Ed Taylor, Okla., ev. among migrants; Miss Geraldine Woody, Uvalde, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking.

29 Friday For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. Heb. 10:36.

Missionary Victor Glass works for Southern Baptists among southern Negroes. A Negro teacher in an extension class for in-service ministers recently exclaimed, "Three convictions I intend to follow: discourage violence, preach love of Christ toward all and never hate, and show that the destiny of the Negro is bound up with the destiny of the South." Pray for Victor Glass and his far-reaching work.

PRAY for Miss Frances Moreno, Kingsville, Tex., Rev. Frank Ramirez, Tampa, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Earl M. Fine, * Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. H. Cecil McConnell, Santiago, Chile, pub.; Grace McConnell, MF; Dr. Ernest L. King, Jr., (DDS), * Indonesia, med. ev.; Miss Mary Louise Hobart, E. Africa, Soc.

30 Saturday Ye were without Christ . . . having no hope, and without God in the world Eph. 2:12.

"I may be interested when I get older, but not now," said a Jewish florist when one of our Baptist workers in New York offered him a tract. This Jew is typical of millions of people who are preoccupied with business and pleasure, with "no time for the Lord Jesus." Members of the Manhattan Baptist Church are witnessing to the claims of Christ on lives. Many are turning to Christ. Pray for this florist, for the soul-winners in this church, for Dr. Paul Janes, the pastor, and Mrs. James.

PRAY for Rev. Eugene S. Wolfe, San Ysidro, Rev. Alfonso Garcia, Montebello, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. John A. Mouser, Whiteriver, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mrs. C. F. Frazier, HMB, retired; Miss Gracia I. Bailey, * Brazil, Rev. Hugh P. McCormick, * Hawaii, ed. ev.; Mrs. Carl F. Yarnell, Jr., Penang, Malaya, Rev. J. Glenn Morris, Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. William E. Lewis, Jr., Dar es Salaam, Rev. Samuel A. DeBord, * Tanganyika, Rev. Theodore O. Cox, * Japan, ev.

31 Sunday I kept them in thy name John 17:12.

A former Moslem youth had just become a Christian. While he slept his family poured oil around his feet and set fire to them. To this day he is a cripple. This young man lives in a land where it is difficult indeed to be a follower of Christ.

Dr. John A. Roper asks that we pray for this boy and for other converts in Jordan that they may be strong in the Lord, witnessing in love to their families.

PRAY for Mrs. M. R. Demaree, Tampa, Fla., ev. among deaf; Mrs. Henry D. Martin, Oyo, Mrs. W. Joel Ferguson, * Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. William M. Clawson, * Mexico, ev.

R.A. business administration
ev. evangelism
ed. education
med. medical
pub. publication
lan. language study
SW students work

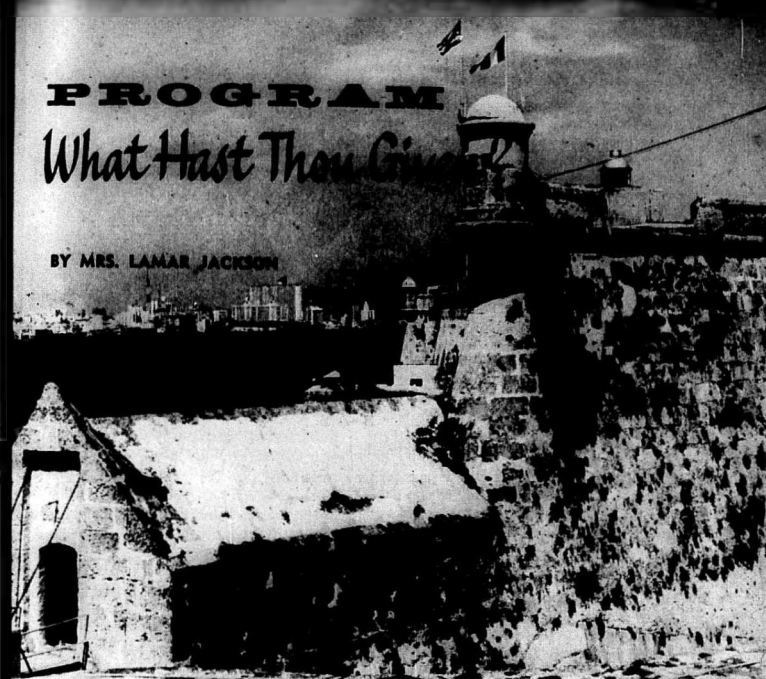
FW field worker
DMS dentistry
MD doctor
RN nurse
* laypeople
LWEC Food With Center
SBIH Sisters Baptist Home
Soc. social worker

ROYAL SERVICE

PROGRAM

What Hast Thou Given?

BY MRS. LAMAR JACKSON



The famous Morro Castle in Cuba—the city of Havana in background

Baptists in Western Cuba

Educational work in addition to that done in the church organizations:

Baptist Student Union of the University of Havana

11 primary schools with 853 boys and girls enrolled (2 school buses pick up the children)

Camp Yumuri (assembly grounds)

Baptist Book Store in Havana

Baptist Hospital in Havana

Baptist Home for the Aged

Bibles, Testaments, portions distributed—84,671

Tracts distributed—796,945

PROGRAM OUTLINE

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What Hast Thou Given?

Sing (reading or solo) "O, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink"

Suggestions for Presentation

Provide at the beginning of your meeting an opportunity for all present to participate. Many women shrink from speech-making, but few will fail to express themselves in small groups. Appoint four leaders. These may be the same four participating in the program. If the chairs in your room are movable, arrange them in four concentric groups before the women arrive. Then the program will proceed as in a circle theater, and the pre-program discussion can more easily take place. If your chairs are fixed, divide the room into four parts and follow the same instructions.

Allow from 5 to 8 minutes in group discussion, and 3 minutes for each group to report; 20 minutes in all. Call time if necessary.

In each group the one whose birthday is closest to January 1 is the reporter. Each leader guides the discussion by asking these questions:

1. What unusual, sacrificial, or touching gifts have you received or given?
2. When and why (or why not) did you decide to tithe?
3. How do you plan for your gift to Annie Armstrong Offering?
4. What are the chief purposes of a Christian's life? How can you apply these in your church activities?

Conclude the discussions with prayer.

Accumulate the four objects suggested in "The Church as a Storehouse": a small doll, Bible, money, a block of wood. Place these symbols on a central table as each is given. If you used a miniature church on Pledge Day, have it in the center of the table. If not, make a church from a cardboard box. You can label it *Templo Bautista* (Baptist Temple). Or order one from your Baptist Book Store for 50c.

If individual programs are desired, cut them in the shape of a church or an outline map of Cuba State. "Christ wants to C U B A good steward."

WHAT HAST THOU GIVEN?

Group Discussions (see above)

Sing "Send the Light"

Group Reports (see above)

Devotions: God's Storehouse

Man early developed what psychologists call a "squirrel instinct." The Swiss lake dwellers stored wheat 10,000 years ago. In Mesopotamia specimens have been found that were put in storage 3000 years before Christ. The ancient Egyptians stored food in the pyramids and in tombs along the

Valley of the Kings. This was to supply the departed spirit with nourishment in the next world.

Evidences today of this squirrel instinct are the tendencies of women to can more than is really necessary for their need and to purchase larger deep freezers than are actually required for the family.

Our government's storehouse would have been the envy of Joseph as he prepared for seven years of famine. We have stored away from the open market \$7-billion worth of surplus wheat, corn, rice, butter, cheese, and dry milk. In the Middle West our government has spent \$200-million to build 185,000 grain storage bins. These cost \$200,000 a day to operate. To move all our stored food to needy areas would require 100 freight trains every day for a year to take it to ports and then ten freighters per day to move it overseas. Keeping this food from spoilage is a multi-million dollar business.

Two thousand years ago we were warned, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt . . . But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matt. 6:19-20).

Where are we to lay up these heavenly treasures? From early days the prophets taught that the tithes were to be brought to the temple storehouse. Malachi directs, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse" (Mal. 3:10). God was not to have partial service. Nehemiah told how "the Levites shall bring up the tithes . . . unto the house of our God . . . into the treasure house . . . and we will not forsake the house of our God" (Neh. 10:38-39). Ezekiah commanded the "house of the Lord" to be prepared so that the people could bring "in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully" (2 Chron. 31:11,12).

Jesus warned his followers, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil" (Matt. 5:17). He told them they ought to tithe even the smallest things: "Pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin

these ought ye to have done," but they were not to neglect "judgment, mercy, and faith" (Matt. 23:23).

Paul instructed that "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (1 Cor. 16:2). Surely this would not be less than a tithe.

Jesus told of a rich man who built tremendous barns for storing his worldly goods. "God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee. . . . So is he" (like a dead man) "that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God" (Luke 12:20-21).

Prayer: Conclude with Call to Prayer

The Church As a Storehouse

It was midnight, and all was quiet along the sea wall that protected the port of Havana. Brooding old Morro Castle guarded the small narrow entrance. Under the cover of darkness on January 26, 1896, Dr. Alberto Diaz baptized four men in the quiet water of this famous harbor.

Alberto Diaz had been a soldier in one of the many island rebellions against Spain. He escaped to New York in the early 1880's and continued his medical studies there. In a hospital he found a Bible and began translating it into Spanish. In this way, he discovered Christ as his personal Saviour. Back in Cuba he found his family uninterested, and so he turned to his friends. He rented a hall where he lectured on the New Testament. Priests warned him to stop, then resorted to a boycott of his practice. Diaz returned to New York and was baptized. The American Bible Society sent him back to Cuba laden with Bibles. Imprisonment, mob intimidation, and threats against relatives failed to stop this man of God. On January 10, in 1886 four men were baptized at night in Havana harbor and a church was constituted on January 26. In May this work was adopted by our Home Mission Board.

Baptists define a church as an organized group of baptized believers (point to the

doll). A beginning had been made for establishing Baptist work in Cuba with this group of baptized believers. In addition to baptized believers what else would go into this first Baptist church in Cuba, making it a veritable storehouse for kingdom work in "the Pearl of the Antilles?"

The Baptist Temple— A Cuban Storehouse

In the heart of Havana, Cuba, stands this Baptist Temple which formerly was the *Jane (hab-nay) Theater*. It is located just one block from the national capitol on one of Havana's busiest streets.

After the Spanish-American War, Cuban Baptist believers were scattered. Crops had been destroyed, and the country was bankrupt. The Baptist Temple was involved in law suits. Even after the law suits were settled favorably the building was so run-down it could not be used. The city condemned it until sanitary facilities could be installed. Sidewalks had been uprooted, the roof leaked, there were holes in the floor of the main auditorium, and the termites had eaten the pews.

Money was needed! This came from the SBC Home Mission Board and Mrs. George Bottoms of Arkansas. Three missionary apartments were built on the third floor, classrooms readied on the second. A tile floor was put in the main auditorium and mahogany pews installed. These materials are practical in tropical lands for tile is both cool and termite-resistant, and mahogany is too hard for termites.

After the Temple was renovated and the Seminary and Training School started, other plans were rapidly developed for this commodious building. English and Spanish Sunday schools and church services alternated. Passersby were attracted by the songs. Partisanship was especially enjoyed as it was unknown to the average Cuban. Piano lessons were taught in the Temple.

An elementary school for the first eight grades was organized with an enrollment of 200 and two buses bringing children from over the city. Under educational op-

Let's Talk About...

January is the month when the Southern Baptist Convention calendar emphasizes the 30,000 Movement. Ask your community missions chairman and Jubilee chairman to talk together briefly at your general missionary program meeting about your church's plans for establishing missions.

On page 11, WMU Year Book an explanation is given of the 30,000 Movement and the question "What is a mission?" is answered. The following leaflets will be helpful to the church that has not yet made plans for establishing a mission. These are available free from your state convention office:

"How a Church Can Participate"

opportunities must also be listed the Baptist publishing press for the national Baptist paper, a clinic and dispensary before the days of the Baptist Hospital, and a Book Store.

Eleven Baptist schools with almost 900 pupils enrolled has been the outgrowth of work started at the Temple. A beautiful new building was built for the Seminary in 1950. Students from Colombia and Costa Rica have attended in addition to many fine Cuban young people. Thirty-one students enrolled in 1958.

Dr. Caudill says, "We rejoice in the large number of young men and women in our churches who desire to study for the ministry and missionary service."

Dr. Arthur Rutledge, director of the Missions Division, Home Mission Board reports, "There are approximately 168 home missionaries working in Cuba. The work is in good condition but I feel that there is desperate need for enlarging the seminary facilities for training missionary personnel. There are hundreds of places which need missions, but don't have them because of lack of funds and personnel."

Dr. Caudill says further, "We are insisting on better preparation for our work-

"How an Association Can Function"
"How a State Can Assist"

The Jubilee chairman will point up Jubilee goal number eleven, "Co-operate in church plans for establishing missions" (page 12, WMU Year Book). The community missions chairman will show how the WMS is the organization in the church which already has in its program and setup plans for co-operating in the beginning and continuing of such mission work.

The community missions chairman may ask those teaching at the mission, or helping in other ways, to share some of their experiences.

In addition to their regular Seminary studies, which we have carried on without interruption, we give our students all the help we can in Spanish, English, and mathematics.

"The Seminary has been supported jointly by the Home Mission Board and the Cuban mission board. Last year about \$3,000 or 12 per cent of the total cost of \$25,000 of the operating expenses of the Seminary came from our Cuban churches. We now need to enlarge the Seminary with more dormitory space, additional classrooms, a more adequate place for the library, offices and other equipment.

"Twelve teachers, Cuban and American, serve on the faculty. The faculty has largely determined the plans and policies of the Seminary but we now have under consideration a plan for a Board of Trustees to co-operate in this work."

Witness from the Storehouse

1. **The Bible's Witness** The Bible was responsible for the believers in the first group of Baptists in Cuba which was later housed as a church in the Baptist Temple. God speaks to men through the Bible (*hold up Bible*), and so it must go into

the church storehouse. Part cities throughout Cuba were receiving the forbidden Word of God. At Cardenas a sugar manufacturer smuggled Bibles from the States in returned sugar sacks. In Matanzas a Mason converted J. V. Cova. He baptized his first converts in 1899: a Methodist preacher and the mother of Martha Cabarcas who later donated the ninety acres in the Yumuri Valley for the Cuban encampment, Camp Yumuri.

A determination to take the Bible to the people has been a great attraction of the Baptist faith. The New Testament is used as the textbook for English classes in Baptist schools throughout this island. One seven-year-old could repeat 175 verses of the Bible and sixty Psalms. A four-year-old memorized seven verses, one Psalm and twelve hymns. A woman found a gospel tract by the side of a road. Her inquiry led to the establishment of one of the largest churches in Pinar del Rio province. It is interesting to note that Bibles and Testaments were distributed among Castro's army. Since there were not enough to go around, many copied passages to take with them in battle. Psalm 91 was especially popular.

Only this year Cuban Baptists took advantage of a wonderful opportunity to distribute God's Word. One of Cuba's Baptist pastors, Rev. Enrique Pina, reports that "on Sunday, July 26, 1959, there was in Havana a great gathering of country people. Half a million country men and a half million from the city gathered in the new Republic Square to listen to Fidel Castro.

"We had a great opportunity to reach many, giving them Bible portions and tracts. During two days a group of young men from our church went to the different camps and downtown and distributed 6,000 Bible portions and about 25,000 pages of tracts. Other churches did the same."

It is possible that from this one occasion the Bible has been distributed throughout the island. Only eternity will reveal the influence of this fine planning and work of Cuban Baptists in Havana.

Also 120 New Testaments have been given in recent months to the chief of police in Havana for distribution among policemen. They have been received gladly.

2. **Tithes and Gifts** Through the years tithes and love gifts of Southern Baptists have helped sustain the Cuba mission. Mission money (*show money*) made possible the purchase of the Jane (*hah-nay*) Theater which developed into the center of all Baptist life in Cuba. Tithes and love gifts also provided a burial place for Baptists who found this necessary because the cemeteries of Havana were for Catholics only. The cheapest funeral by a priest cost \$51. This covered only the rental on the casket, and the body was dumped from it into the grave to be removed later to the boneyard. The court in this Catholic country surprisingly upheld the right of Baptists to have both a meeting place and a cemetery.

Sound Bible teaching has led to the general acceptance of scriptural teachings on stewardship. Renaldo Medina rode eight miles on horseback to conduct services in a small rural community. On his first visit, he found a Baptist barber who gave him \$150. This represented his tithes for two years. Another faithful steward, Juan Pena, mortgaged his oxen for \$30 to finance a new roof for his church. The churches of the convention have adopted a plan similar to our Cooperative Program. Money coming into the church is divided into three parts: local expenses, pastor's salary, and mission causes. In this way more churches are working toward self-support while at the same time they share in world missions. They co-operate with our Foreign Mission Board in supporting work in Spain and Yucatan in Mexico. (See page 12 and add other information from "We Are Making Progress in Cuba.")

3. **Message from the Pulpit** (*show block of wood*) The pulpit in the church storehouse represents the primary work of a church—proclaiming the message of God's love in Christ Jesus. The early Cuban Christians at the beginning of this century

were eager to proclaim the message of a resurrected Christ and freedom from idolatry and Mary worship taught by the Catholic church. The Spanish-American War of 1898 and repeated revolutions since have only interrupted this determination. No country in the world has a truly democratic government without a strong evangelical witness. Today Cuban Baptists are in the best position of their history to advance God's kingdom. Dr. Herbert Caudill, superintendent of the Cuban mission, says: "Things are moving in Cuba. We do not always know just what direction they are going to take. We are working and getting response. Many plans are made for all phases of the work during the coming months."

"At last the University of Havana is about to get under way again. Classes have begun in most of the schools, though they do not have everything worked out. The BSU has named its officers for the new year and they were installed on September 2. I was with them the night they had elections and felt that they showed good judgment in their decisions. Rev. Ruben Machado is now director of our BSU work. He will do great service leading a hundred or more Baptist university students in their activities. He is quite capable, and the prayer of our people will help him succeed. He studied about a year in Southwestern Seminary."

Dr. Jose M. Sanchez, director of Religious Education Department of Cuban Baptist Convention reports that, "from 59 organized churches in 1946 in the Baptist Convention of Western Cuba, we have grown to 84 churches with a membership growth from 5,960 to 8,561. Last reports show that 78 per cent of our churches reported baptisms, with an average of one baptism for every 20 members. Also, 78 per cent of our churches have missions where the gospel is preached every week, and these churches maintain 352 Sunday schools, with 14,604 enrolled."

The pulpit ministry has expanded to include an 8 o'clock broadcast on Sunday

mornings. There is another at 6 o'clock over one of Cuba's strongest networks.

The influence of Dr. Domingo Fernandez Suarez, pastor of the William Carey church is felt over 2000 miles away as he preaches over the Cuban Blue Network, Missions in Yucatan, Mexico are a direct result of this radio ministry.

Products From the Storehouse

Only what goes into a storehouse can come out of it. As a rule it must not be kept too long or it will spoil. This is true of the church and the Christian's storehouse. What we try to keep selfishly for ourselves deteriorates, but what we share with others multiplies. This principle is clearly demonstrated by products that have been taken from the Baptist Temple.

Dr. Herbert Caudill states, "Perhaps no money given for the mission cause has shown larger results than that invested in the cause of ministerial education." These trained believers are found throughout the four western provinces where Southern Baptists have work. American Baptists have a fine, effective witness in the two eastern provinces. The division was made in the early 1880s. Cuban Baptist youth of both Conventions hold a joint meeting every year. Strong leadership and effective planning have been products from the storehouse.

The most notable products from the storehouse are "trophies of the king"—souls and lives saved through Christ's love and redeeming power. Many Cuban young people have heard the Word of God, read it for themselves, observed the love of God in missionary friends. Today they are preparing themselves or are in places of service, leading family and friends to Christ.

Miriam and Rafael are two such young people. Miriam was a quaint child always, in certain details, and her mother wisely indulged her when there was no wrong involved. For instance, those long dresses that Miriam insisted on wearing, half way below the knees when other little girls seemed to be all legs in their extremely

short clothes. When one saw Miriam, it was as if one had run back through the years and were looking at one of Louisa Alcott's Little Women. People who know Miriam now realize that those "almost down to the floor" dresses were heralds of a most enchanting modesty.

At 15 Miriam met a young man, a member of the church which she attended. It had never occurred to her that this friend would finally win her hand and heart, but Rafael had the things in him that make abrupt changes come into a girl's life. Miriam was beginning to say that she would have but one sweetheart and he would have to be a Baptist. Then she even got more serious and said "a Baptist preacher." So when Rafael entered the seminary she wished him well.

All Cuban Baptists had their eyes on Rafael and Miriam. After he graduated he would have to live on a very small salary, as do all Cuban pastors.

Miriam and Rafael (Rev. and Mrs. Rafael Melian) are now pastor and wife in Placetas. They married in June 1955. Both of these young people were loved and nurtured in their youth by a devoted Christian mother as well as by missionaries.

Luis Sierra is another example of a trophy of God's love working through missionaries. Twelve years ago missionaries began a mission Sunday school in the wharf section of Cabanas in the Pinar del Rio province of Western Cuba. Luis was one of the small children who came. "It was quite a novelty to us children," he recalls. "I loved it from the beginning. I was attracted by the songs and choruses. I was enchanted with the hymns." The years moved by and Luis came to accept Christ as Savior and today he testifies, "I have seen tremendous need for Christ among my people in Cuba. My desire has been to serve him. I have seen the tremendous need for Christian laymen and business men."

The general attitude here is that if you are a man you are interested in wine,

Action

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Supply on old folks home with Cuban fruit that you have used as table decorations: pineapples, mangoes, bananas, grapefruit, lemons, limes, pomegranates. Have you ever thought of making your visits a part of the 30,000 Movement to provide preaching and Bible study in 30,000 new places by 1964? Our WMU Year Book (page 11) answers the question "What is a mission?" by saying "anywhere one or more members are sent from the church at regular intervals to teach or preach the Word of God." Teaching the Sunday school lesson (members of your society prepare this every week and could share in this endeavor) at this home each week could be a sustained community missions activity and a means of participation by your society in the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Call this to the attention of the Community Missions chairman. Have your members moved into new communities where Sunday schools need to be started in their homes? Has your church made a community survey so that you know the problems and places of need? Be sure your Society is working at the instruction of your church and "are sent from the church."

January would be a good month for the stewardship chairman to begin emphasizing the Annie Armstrong Offering. If WMU offering boxes appeal to your members, they can be ordered for 4c each from Women's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

women, and song. My desire is to show how wrong they are." Today Senor Luis Sierra is studying business administration at Baylor University. Pray for this young man that he will have money enough and spiritual resources sufficient for a positive Christian witness now and when he returns to Cuba.

What Hast Thou Given?

In the reception room of the president's palace in Havana are four large paintings. One shows Columbus as he set foot on what he called "the most beautiful land human eyes ever beheld." This picture reminds us that Cuba is a land of history and beauty.

A second picture shows the execution of the Indian leader, Hatuey. He organized

native resistance in colonial days. The Spanish sentenced him to burning at the stake. When a priest inquired if he wanted to go to heaven, Hatuey asked, "Will there be any Spaniards there?" When told there would be, he simply stated, "Then I don't want to go." This picture reminds us of a false Christianity.

The third picture is a scene from Cuba's War of Independence. It shows the three revolutionary heroes, Marti, Gomer, and Maceo, as they engage in battle against Spain. It reminds us of the many political upheavals of these people in the past sixty years.

The fourth picture shows General William Gorgas and the Cuban doctors as they discover the cause of yellow fever. After the American army cleaned up the island at the close of the Spanish-American War, there was not a fly or mosquito in all the land, it was reported. Today people are sleeping again under mosquito nets and fighting flies at sidewalk cafes. Why? A reminder that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty—even from insects.

These scenes are from secular history, but they have relation to Baptist mission work. Columbus landed on the northern coast of Cuba. A little farther west is Matanzas where the Yumuri River empties into the bay. The Yumuri Valley is one of the loveliest spots in all Cuba. Here is the Baptist assembly ground, and it is "a little bit of heaven" for Cuban Baptists. The ninety acres were given by a great Christian steward, Dr. Martha Cabarrocas. At one time 19 young people made their home with her on a farm nearby. For years, she prayed for a preacher in the Valley. She jokes now about having to marry her niece to a seminary student in order to make this dream come true. Now there is a rural seminary and six churches reaching nearly eight hundred people for Bible study. A beautiful land with "beautiful words of life."

The execution of the Indian leader reminds us again of a false religion which

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BY LILA BELLE HOPKINS

"Are you real missionaries?"

"We certainly try to be, beautiful one."

The little blond Primary followed her guest into the bedroom. "What do you do to be a missionary?"

Isabel hugged her small hostess. "I do just about the same things you do, because you can be a missionary too. Do you go to Sunbeam Band? No? Then let me tell you about Sunbeam Band and Girls' Auxiliary."

Even as she unpacked her clothes, Mrs. Estrada was busy about work as a missionary.

Isabel Estrada was born in Torreón, Coahuila, Mexico and like most girls born in a Catholic home, she was named Maria. Her middle name is Isabel. Her grandmother took her to the Baptist church when she was six years old. "Since that first day, I have found a place of service in God's house."

She was converted at seven, but was not baptized until several years later. She had been promised a dance on her fifteenth

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to the Spanish-Speaking

LEOBARDO AND ISABEL ESTRADA

birthday and knew it would be out of step with her Christian testimony. That day, she decided to be faithful to Jesus and His principles. "I have never regretted the choice I made," she says.

Soon after her baptism she felt the need to prepare herself for better service and sent her application to the Northern Baptist Hospital in Puebla, but because of her young age they could not accept her.

In 1938 her pastor helped her to go to the Mexican Baptist Seminary then located in El Paso, Texas. Each summer and after graduation she returned to Mexico to do mission work.

However, she had met and fallen in love with a handsome young man at the seminary. His name was Leobardo Estrada. Her pastor again helped her by making it possible for her to come back to the States to enroll at Southwestern Seminary. "He played 'cupid' hoping that instead of a single missionary, he would have a missionary couple working in Mexico," Isabel laughs.

Leobardo and Isabel were married, but when the Mexican Seminary moved back to Mexico, Leo stayed in the States to finish his training.

"We have been married 16 years," she says. "God has blessed us with six children, but it was His will to take two of them to heaven. The older children, Priscilla 14 and Leo Felipe 13, have expressed the desire to serve the Lord in a special way. Irma is 11 and Omega is 9. I pray that He will take them all in His hands and use them. In church life, home life,

denominational life—in every way God has been good to us," Isabel testifies. She served as president of the Mexican WMU of Texas for two years before they moved to California where they now work with the Spanish-speaking.

Leobardo Estrada is pastor of the First Spanish Baptist Church in Los Angeles, but he is more than that. He is an international missionary. His evangelistic tours have taken him all over Western United States and Central America. His voice is heard in Mexico, Central America and the Philippine Islands on "La Hora Bautista," the Baptist Hour in Spanish. His most recent trip took him to Colombia and Costa Rica.

Rev. Leobardo Estrada was born in Mexico but is now an American citizen. He is a graduate of Southern Methodist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He taught in the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary in Mexico under the Foreign Mission Board and has been pastor in Alpine, El Paso, and Dallas in Texas and Los Angeles, California. For four years he was president of the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas.

"After 23 years in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ," he told me, "I try to be faithful to Him who has done so much for a poor immigrant Catholic-born Mexican boy who as a child came to America and became a servant of His."

The Estradas count it a privilege to serve the Lord. Their denomination counts it an honor to support their work, because they are indeed international missionaries!

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borders on irreverence. Panel billboards in Havana had electrically-changing pictures to show first the Virgin and then a liquor ad. There is a wine called, "Tears of the Blessed" and streets named "St. John of God" and "Jesus of the Mountain." It is from such a background that many of our nearly 9000 believers have come. Baptists have 81 churches but more than double this number of missions. It is because of problems and needs connected with belonging to a minority religious group that a Home for the Aged was started two years ago.

The revolutionary scene brings to mind the present unrest in Cuba. For three years the University of Havana was closed. The beautiful new BSU building was dedicated but unused. This happened because Latin American students take such an active part in politics. The 15,000 enrolled in 1957 staged violent anti-Batista demonstrations, and classes were suspended. The BSU work had to be suspended. Now the University is open and the student center is progressing under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Ruben Machado, a young couple educated in our Cuban seminary.

The courage of the Cuban doctors in helping discover the cause of yellow fever reminds us of the seven Baptist doctors who started the Baptist Hospital in Havana. Three of them are sons of pastors, and one is president of the Brotherhood. This work is supported by a plan similar to White Cross and by Cuban Baptists who saw a need for the witness of the great

physician.

In these closing moments, think how these Cuban Baptists share and sacrifice for the cause of Christ. Ask yourself, what have I given? Would I mortgage my oxen, would I give my land, would I open my home for a mission Sunday school, would I belong to a minority religion? Do I know enough about conditions in my country and the world to be concerned enough to do something about it? Do I, like these Cuban doctors, let my education, my job, my position in the community witness for my faith?

Sing "O, For a Faith That Will Not Shrink" (*Broadman Hymnal*, 277). This would be most effective as a reading with the musical background. Or a soloist could sing it as a prayer.

O, FOR A FAITH THAT WILL NOT SHRINK
O, for a faith that will not shrink,
Tho' pressed by every foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe!
That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chastening rod,
But, in the hour of grief or pain,
Will lean upon its God.
A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without;
That when in danger knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt.
Lord, give us such a faith as this,
And then, whatever may come,
We'll taste, a'en here, the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.

—William M. Bathurst

Pray for Cuban Baptists, especially the missionaries; for Cuban people in time of change, that economically the people may have sufficient to stay hunger and want; pray that the emerging government develop into one that will give most opportunity for spreading the gospel of Christ quickly in this beautiful island among its lovely people.

Announcement by community missions chairman or stewardship chairman of planned activity (see *Let's Talk About*, page 32). Make definite assignment and plans to engage your society in missionary activity as a result of this program.

Summary of Last Annual Report for Baptists in Western Cuba

Missionaries	168
Churches	84
Missions of churches	176
Baptists	8,561
Baptisms	444
Total contributions	\$156,806.91

DID YOU READ IT?

MRS. WILLIAM McMURRY



Fidel Castro

Whatever lies in the future for Cuba, Fidel Castro has known phenomenal success as a public figure. Coming out of exile in Mexico with a handful of followers, most of whom were destroyed in the operation, he escaped, established himself in the forests of the eastern province and carried on a campaign of public announcements and guerilla attacks on President Batista's army. Slowly supporters rallied to him and after more than two years of this sort of warfare he took over Cuba on January 1, 1959. For a year the people of the United States have read in newspapers and magazines myriads of words about this impetuous, magnetic soldier who has alternately drawn and repulsed them.

The Castro government first brought on criticism by the swift manner in which the execution of prisoners was carried out. This was followed by a protest of the land-reform program. The first actual seizure was a 10,000-acre farm of an American citizen from Arkansas. The government plans to pay for all expropriated lands, on which it will set an arbitrary price—not in cash but in 20-year interest-bearing bonds. Some Cuban landowners doubt the wisdom of dividing the land into 66-acre plots when sugar cannot be produced efficiently on small acreage. Eighty-five per cent of Cuba's dollar exchange comes from sugar. Further criticism is based on the fact that Communists have penetrated the army and the government. This is not to imply that either Castro or the revolution is Communist.

No doubt the American people are still divided in their opinion of the man and his government. Some believe he is a great patriot, warmly idealistic, interested only in bettering his people through reforms, but with little talent for politics. Others see him as another possible dictator who has set in motion forces that are steadily driving him to the left.

Inter-faith Day Opposed

A Congressional resolution to declare the fourth day of September every year as Inter-faith Day slipped through the Senate with little protest when it was introduced last February. Since then it has been before the House Judiciary Committee, Rep. Emanuel Celler, chairman.

Report from the Capital, newsletter published by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, carried excerpts from a letter to Mr. Celler written by the associate director of the Joint Committee, Mr. Barry Garrett. He stated that at first glance the resolution appeared to be a harmless move for the promotion of good will among the American people, but "upon closer observation there are some basic underlying assumptions that could make it offensive to the church people of the nation." Mr. Garrett suggested that if a national Inter-faith Day is to be successful "it must be achieved by the churches themselves and as a result of their own initiative rather than through the pressure of governmental sponsorship."

In the late summer of 1959 reliable sources indicated that the resolution might end in the House Committee. In case it is still there those who have an opinion to express on establishing a legal Inter-faith Day may address their letters to the Honorable Emanuel Celler, Judiciary Committee, House of Representatives Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

Broadman Books in Russia

Publications in this country were filled with accounts of the exchange of cultural exhibits between the US and Russia last summer. Among the 346 children's books which were in the exhibit in Moscow, four of them were Broadman Press titles: *Fairest Lord Jesus** by Frances King Andrews (\$3.00), *Her Own Way, The Story of Lottie Moon** by Helen Monsell, (\$2.00), *Fun with Puppets** by Sylvia Cassell (\$1.50; Leadership Edition \$2.25), and *Listen to the Night** by Farn Kelling (60c; cloth \$1.00). The children's book editor for Broadman, Miss Kate Ellen Gruver, stated in the Baptist Press News at the time the selection was made that "the message of Christ will again be carried behind the Iron Curtain. These books will be handled and examined by well over a million people."

Beer Advertisements Violate Law

In a letter to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division of the US Treasury Department, Dr. C. R. Hooton, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, charged that the advertisements sponsored by the US Brewers Foundation are "dangerously misleading because they suggest that beer has curative or therapeutic effects." Dr. Hooton said the ads are appearing on a rotating basis in *Life*, *Look*, and *The Saturday Evening Post*.

One of the ads which he cited as unethical displays a fishing scene by the side of a glass of foaming beer with the caption "Good for you." Dr. Hooton said the trade journal, *Advertising Age* questioned the ethics of the ad and reminded brewers, "In the past any mention of the therapeutic value of beer has been forbidden by the Federal Alcohol Administration Act."

The Union Signal, official organ of Woman's Christian Temperance Union carried out the protest.

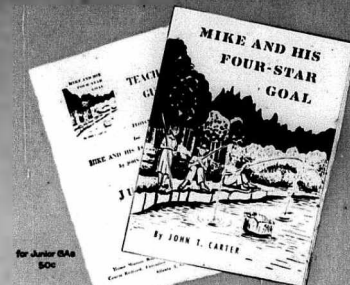
Quotation from a Baccalaureate Address

"What shall we say about endless, sterile, stultifying committee meetings held in substitution or in desperate hope of substitution for individual inventiveness; the public-opinion polls whose vogue threatens even our moral and esthetic values with the destructive doctrine that the customer is always right; the smooth public-relations counsels that rob us of both our courage and our convictions? This continuous daily deferral of opinion and judgment to someone else becomes a habit. It conjures a nightmare picture of a whole nation of yes men."

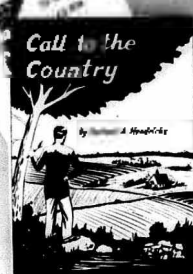
"Nor shall we recover our self-respect by chasing after it in crowds. Self-respect cannot be hunted. It cannot be purchased. It is never for sale. It cannot be fabricated out of public relations. It comes to us when we are alone, in quiet moments, in quiet places, when we suddenly realize that knowing the good, we have done it; knowing the beautiful we have served it; knowing the truth we have spoken it"—A. Whitney Griswold of Yale.

*Available from Baptist Book Stores.

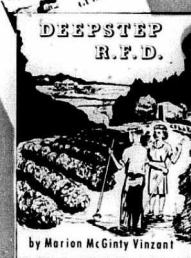
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